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END MEETS
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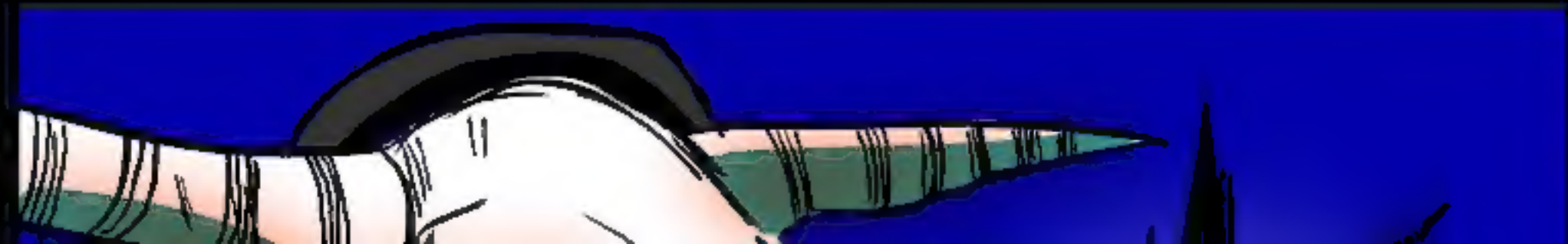
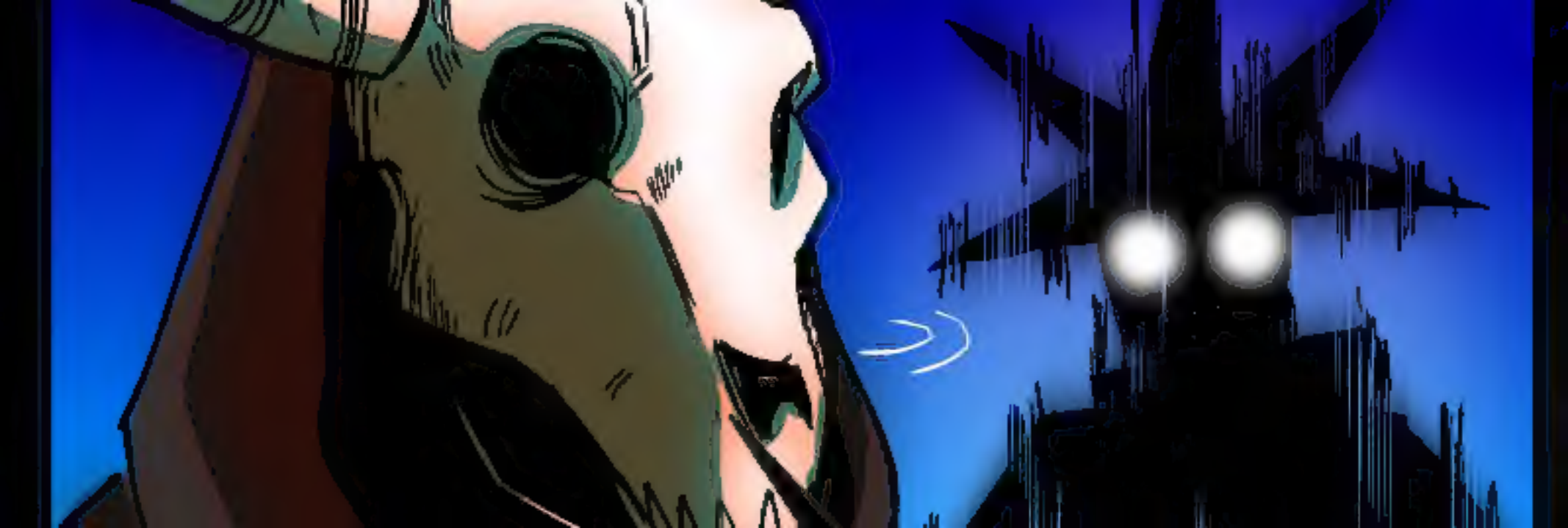
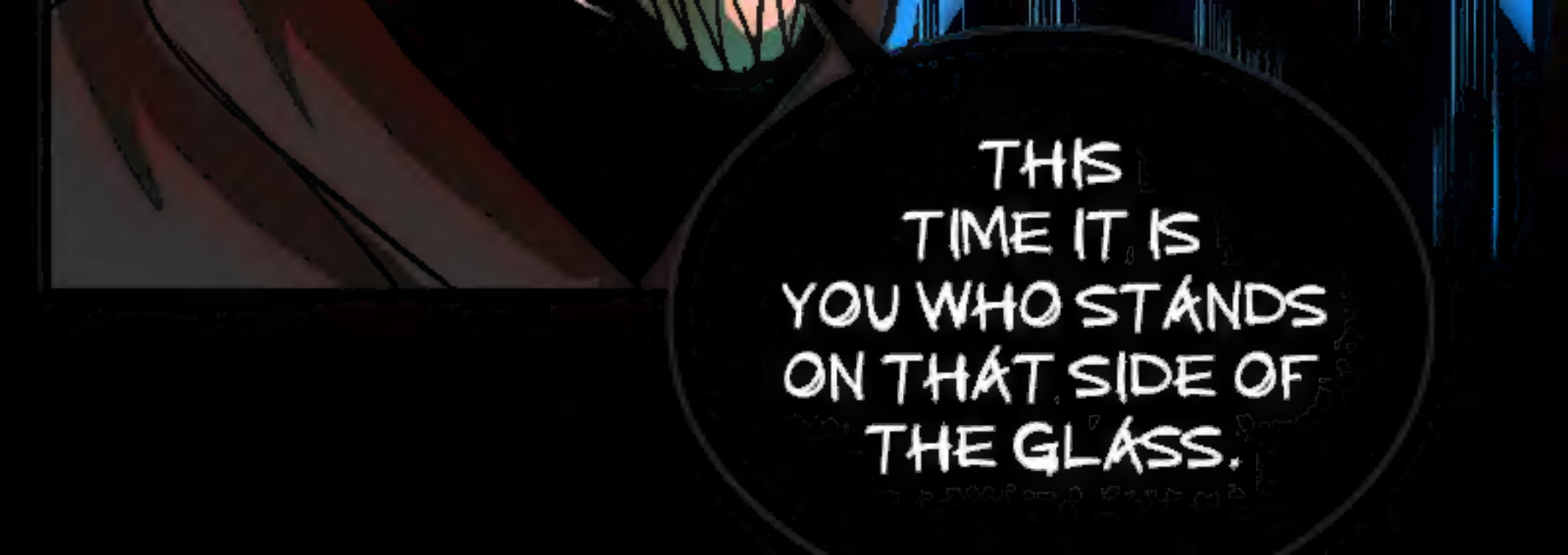
AGAIN.






THIS
TIME IT IS
YOU WHO STANDS
ON THAT SIDE OF
THE GLASS.

AND I ON THE OTHER.

AND THROUGH THE MIRROR WE SEE...

A VERY STRANGE ENEMY INDEED.

GASP
I'M...?!

...WHAT?!

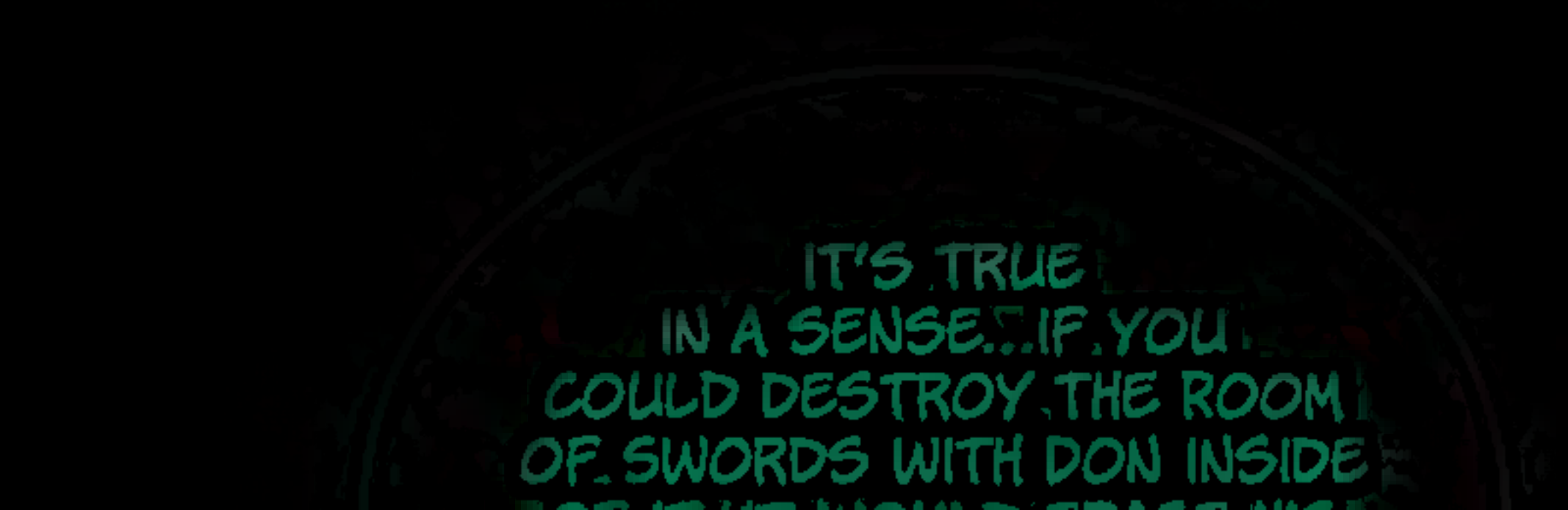
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE CONTEXT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE UNDERSTOOD.

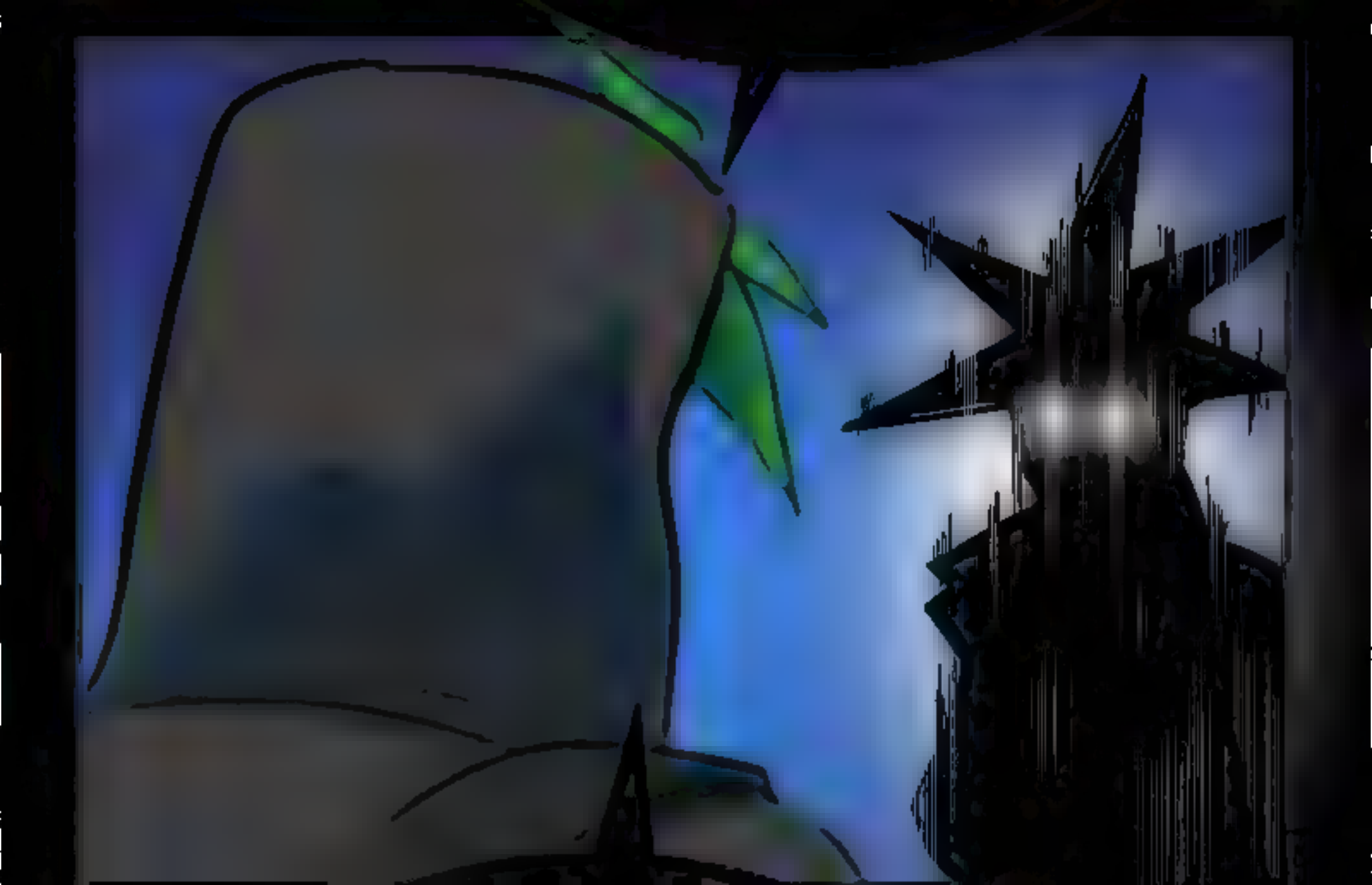
I
STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

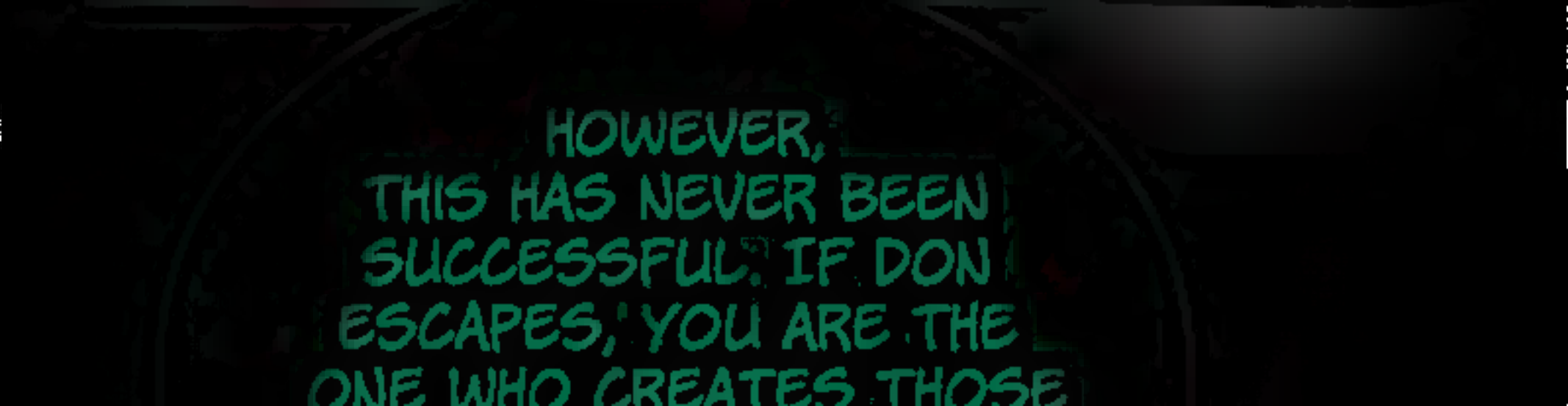
I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DESTROY THE ROOM OF SWORDS TO GO BACK TO BEFORE ANYONE MADE CONTRACTS WITH MASIOSARE!

BUT I *AM* MASIOSARE? *WHY?* WHY DO THIS TO MYSELF? WHY PUT EVERYONE ELSE THROUGH THIS RIDICULOUS TRIAL IN THE FIRST PLACE?!


IT'S TRUE
IN A SENSE...IF YOU
COULD DESTROY THE ROOM
OF SWORDS WITH DON INSIDE

OF IT, IT WOULD ERASE HIS PRESENCE FROM THE UNIVERSE, THEREBY PREVENTING THE CONTRACTS FROM BEING FORMED.



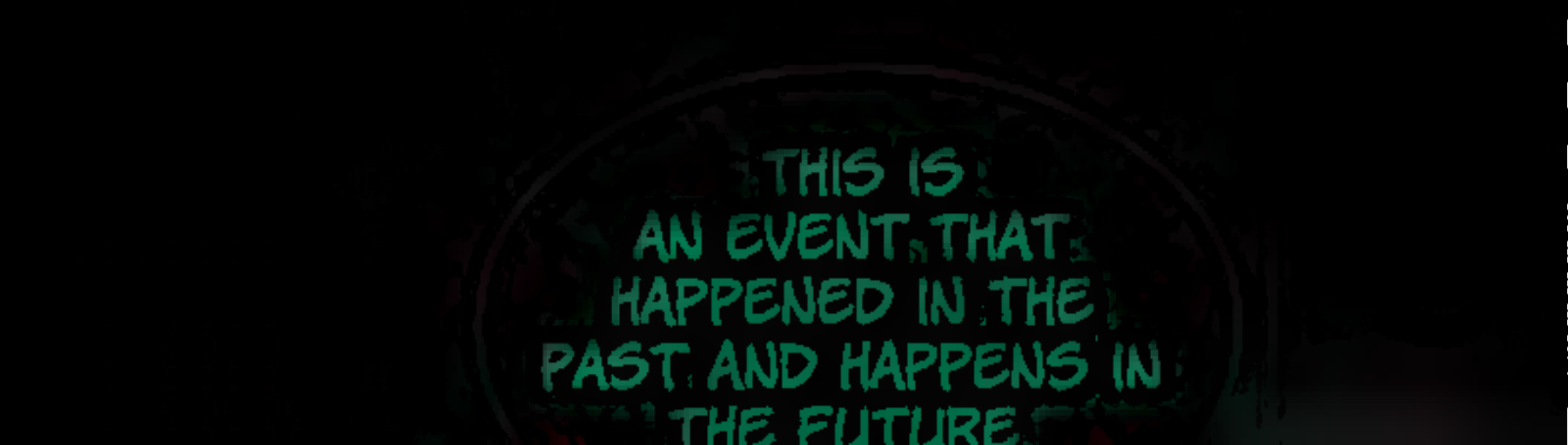

HOWEVER,
THIS HAS NEVER BEEN
SUCCESSFUL. IF DON
ESCAPES, YOU ARE THE
ONE WHO CREATES THOSE

CONTRACTS AFTER THE
ROOM OF SWORDS IS
DESTROYED.

...AFTER?

WAIT,
WHAT...??

D-DID YOU JUST RESPOND? ISN'T THIS A MEMORY?


THIS IS
AN EVENT THAT
HAPPENED IN THE
PAST AND HAPPENS IN
THE FUTURE

WE'RE TRAVELERS,

VISITING THE SAME
POINT OF TIME AND
SPACE THROUGH THE
BLACK BOX.

UNLIKE THE VERSIONS OF YOURSELF THAT YOU'VE SEEN SO FAR, I AM NOT YOUR PAST. I AM YOUR FUTURE.

SO LISTEN CAREFULLY...

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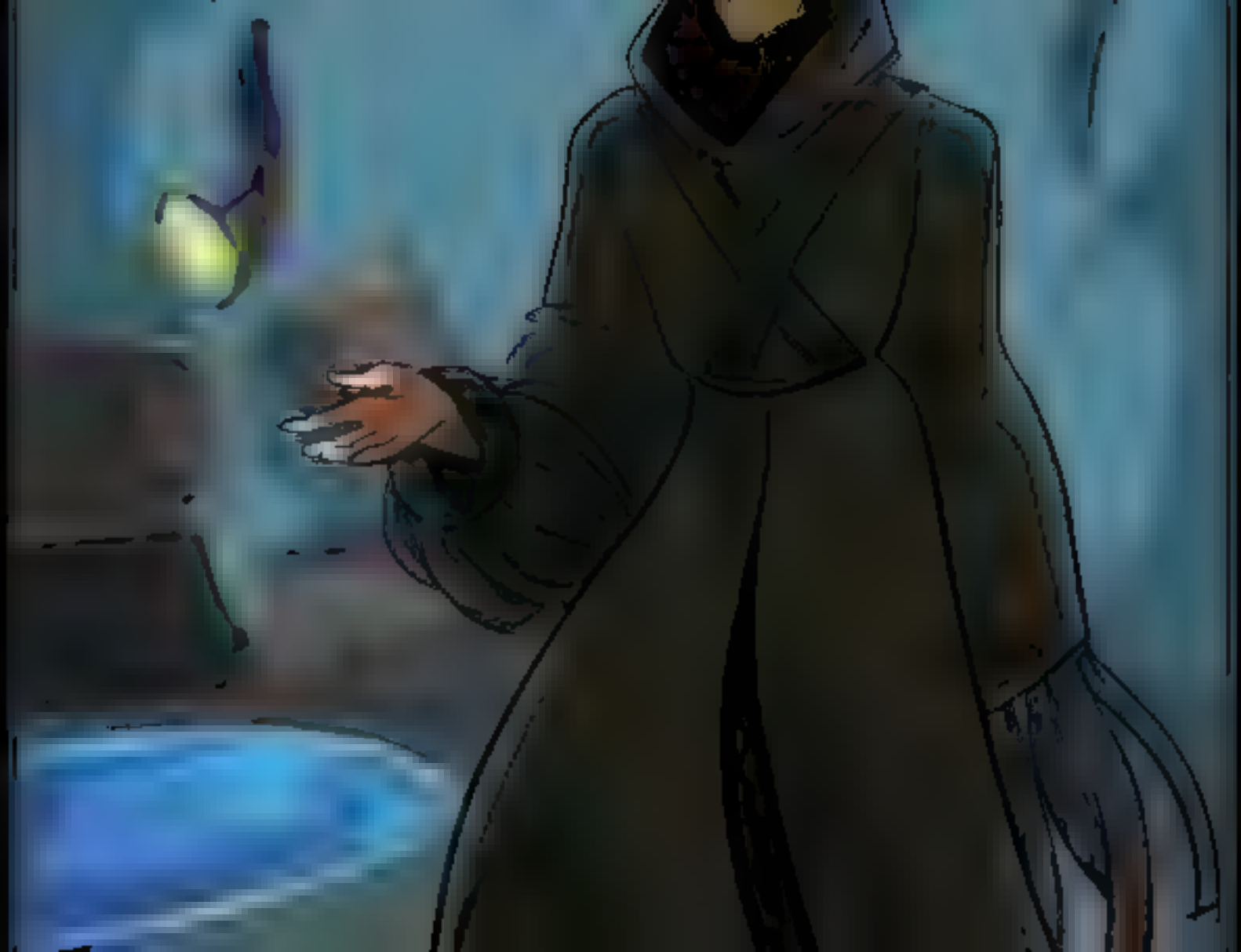
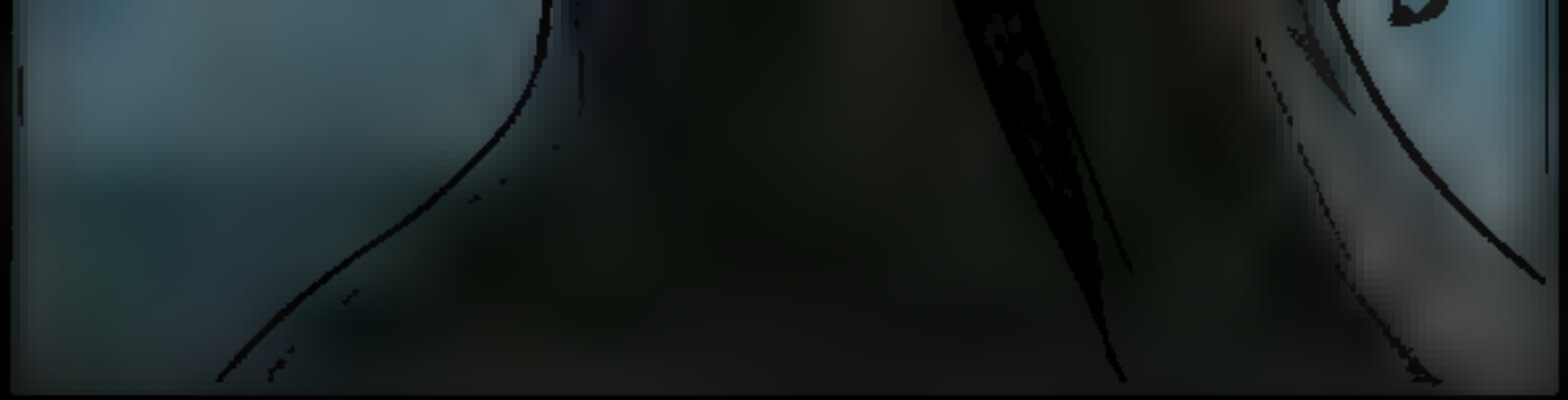
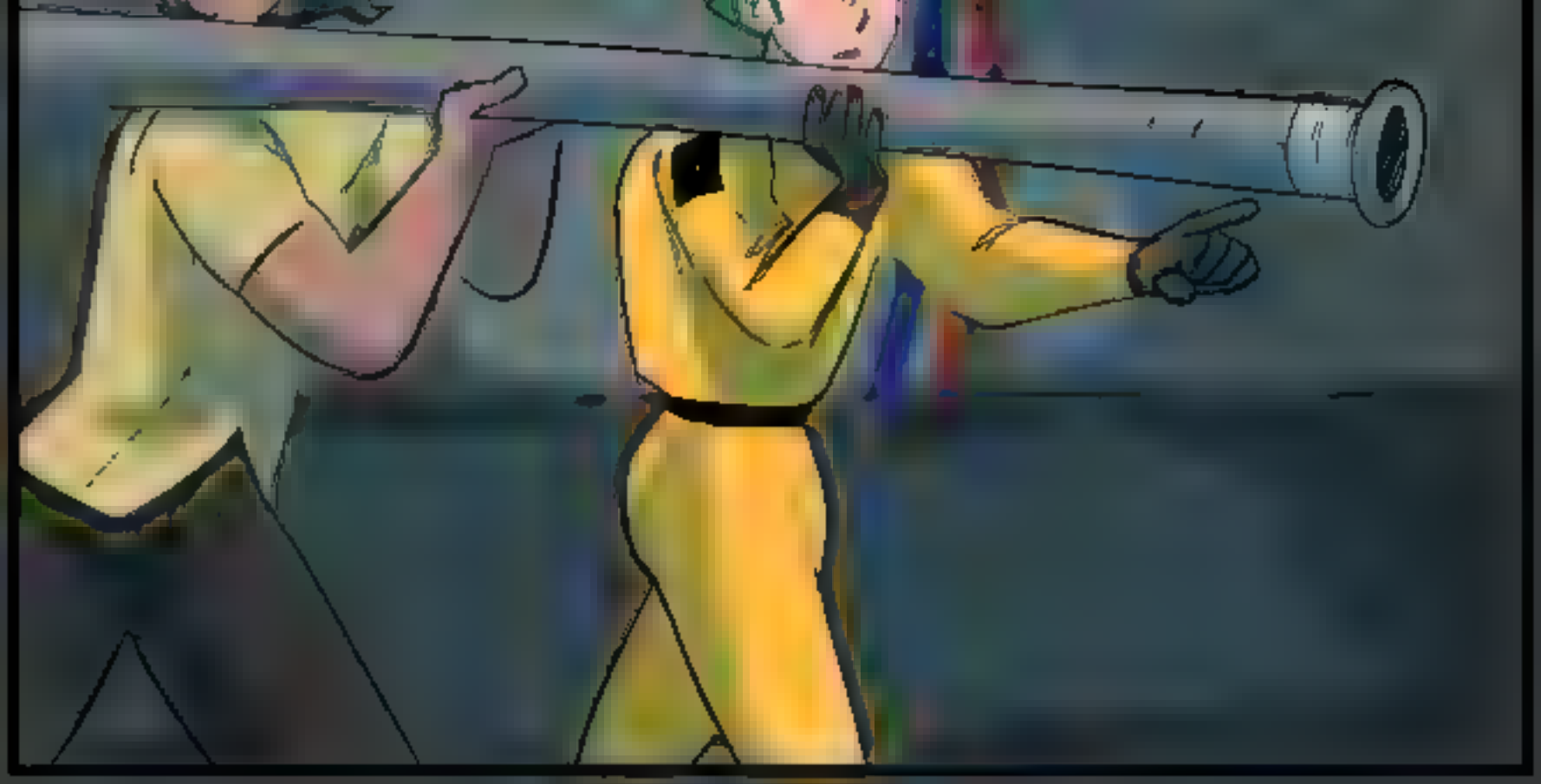
"HIS LAST VOYAGE"

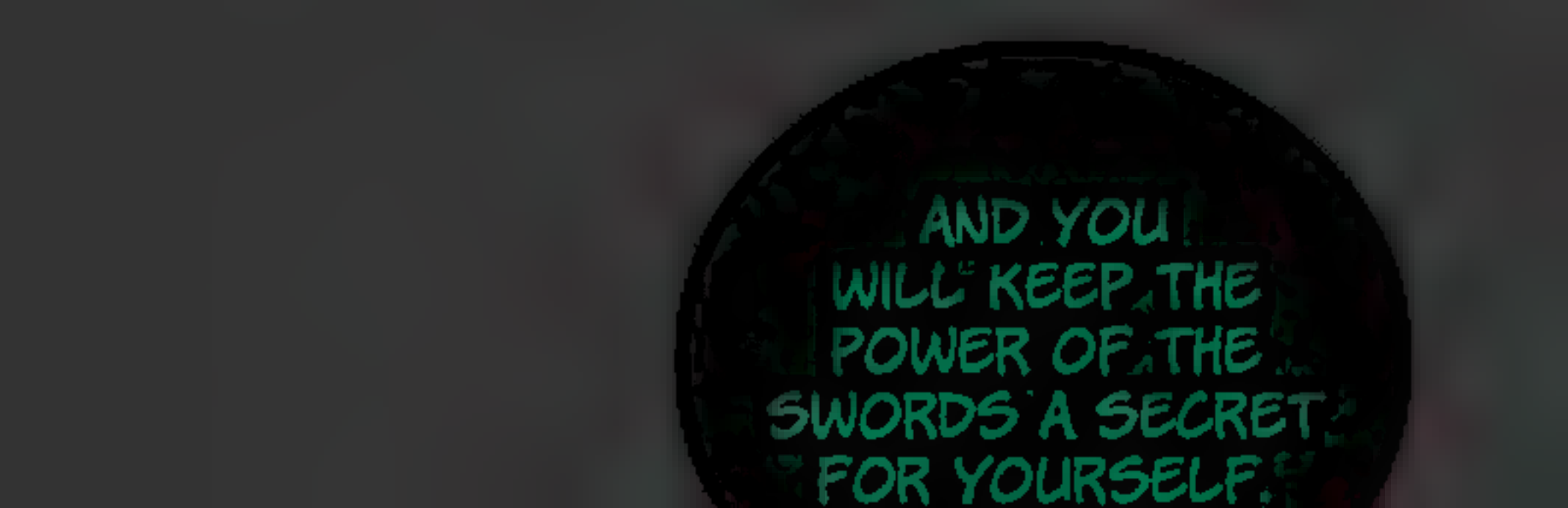
IN THE BEGINNING...

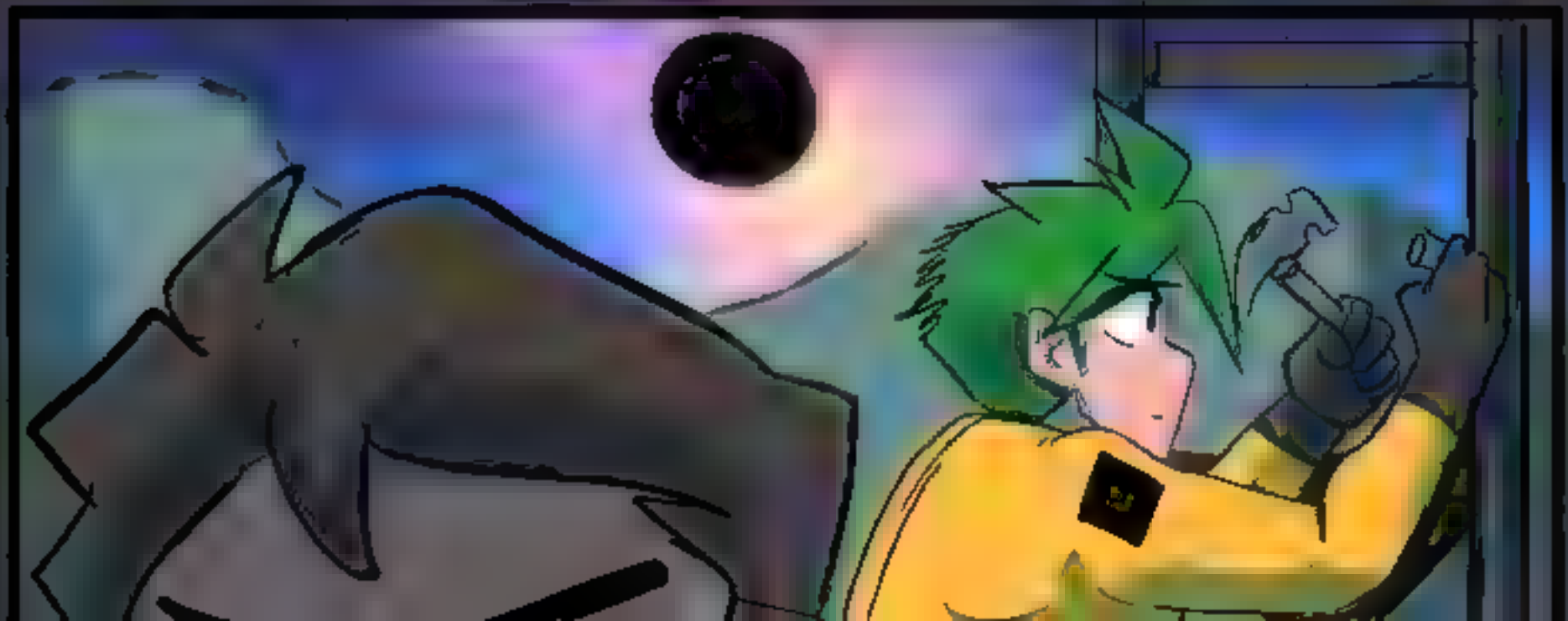




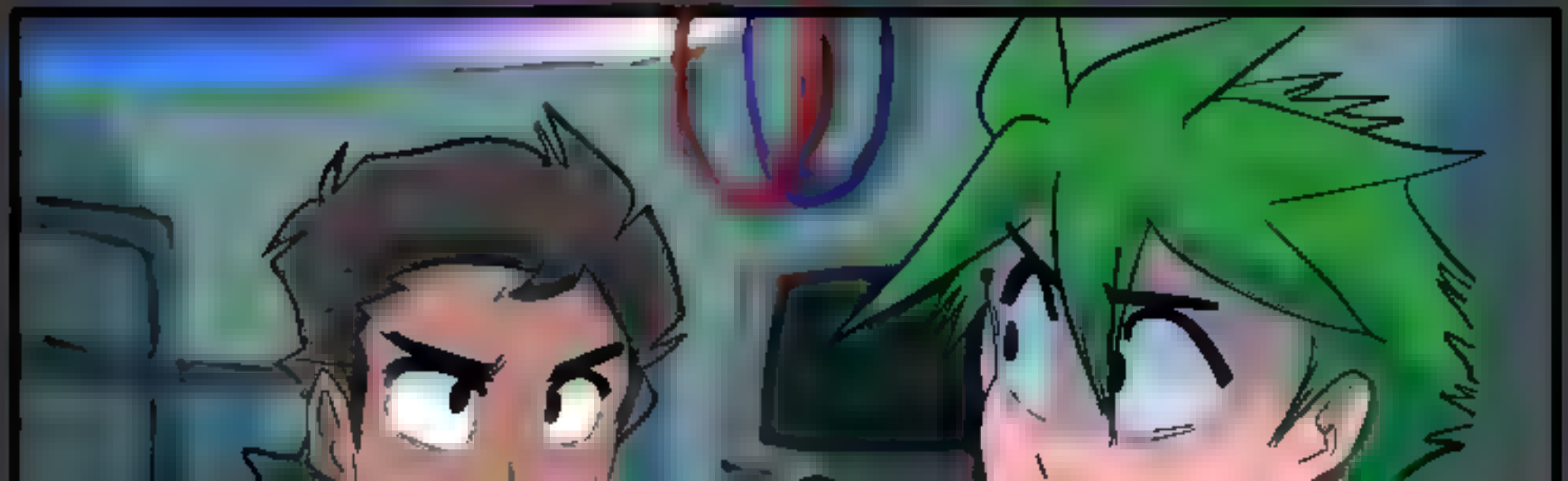
YOU AND DON WILL WORK TOGETHER TO COMPLETE YOUR TASK.

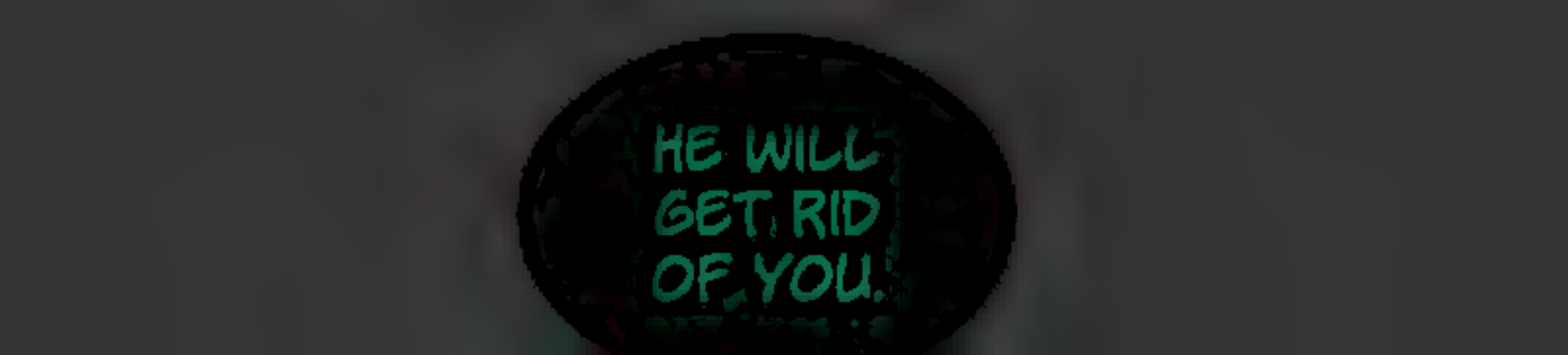


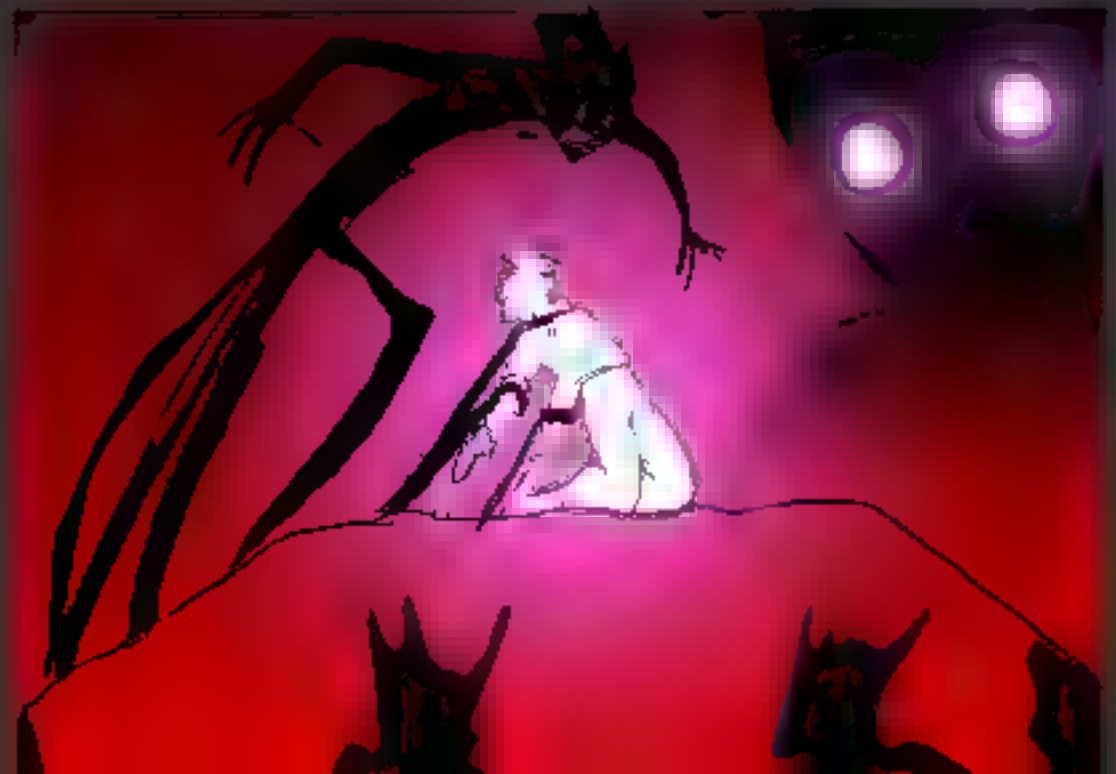

AND YOU
WILL KEEP THE
POWER OF THE
SWORDS A SECRET
FOR YOURSELF.



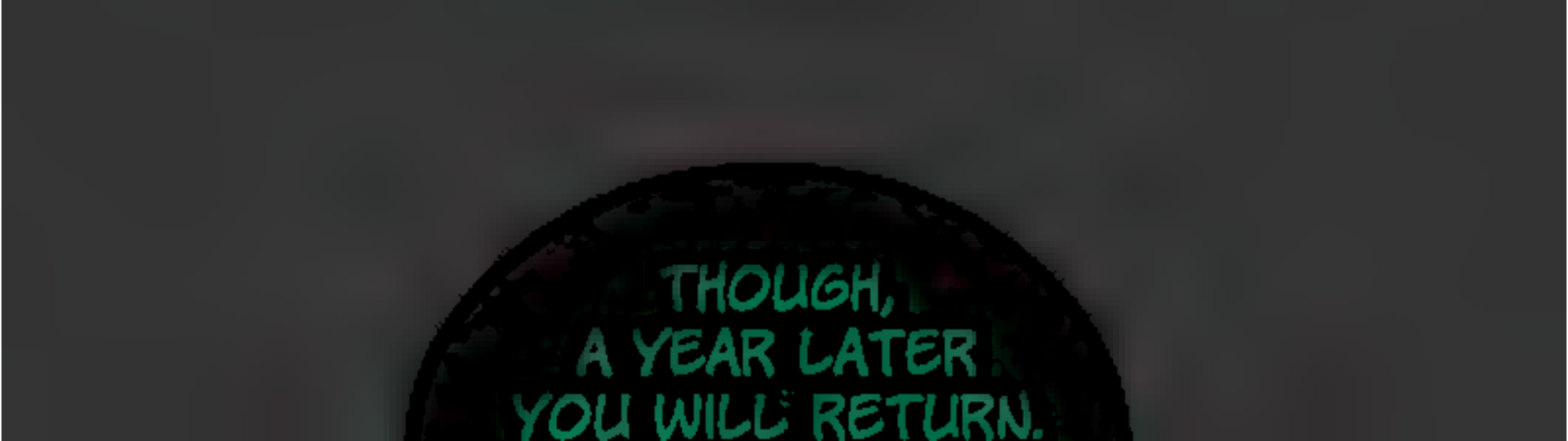
BUT HE
WILL EVENTUALLY
CATCH ON...



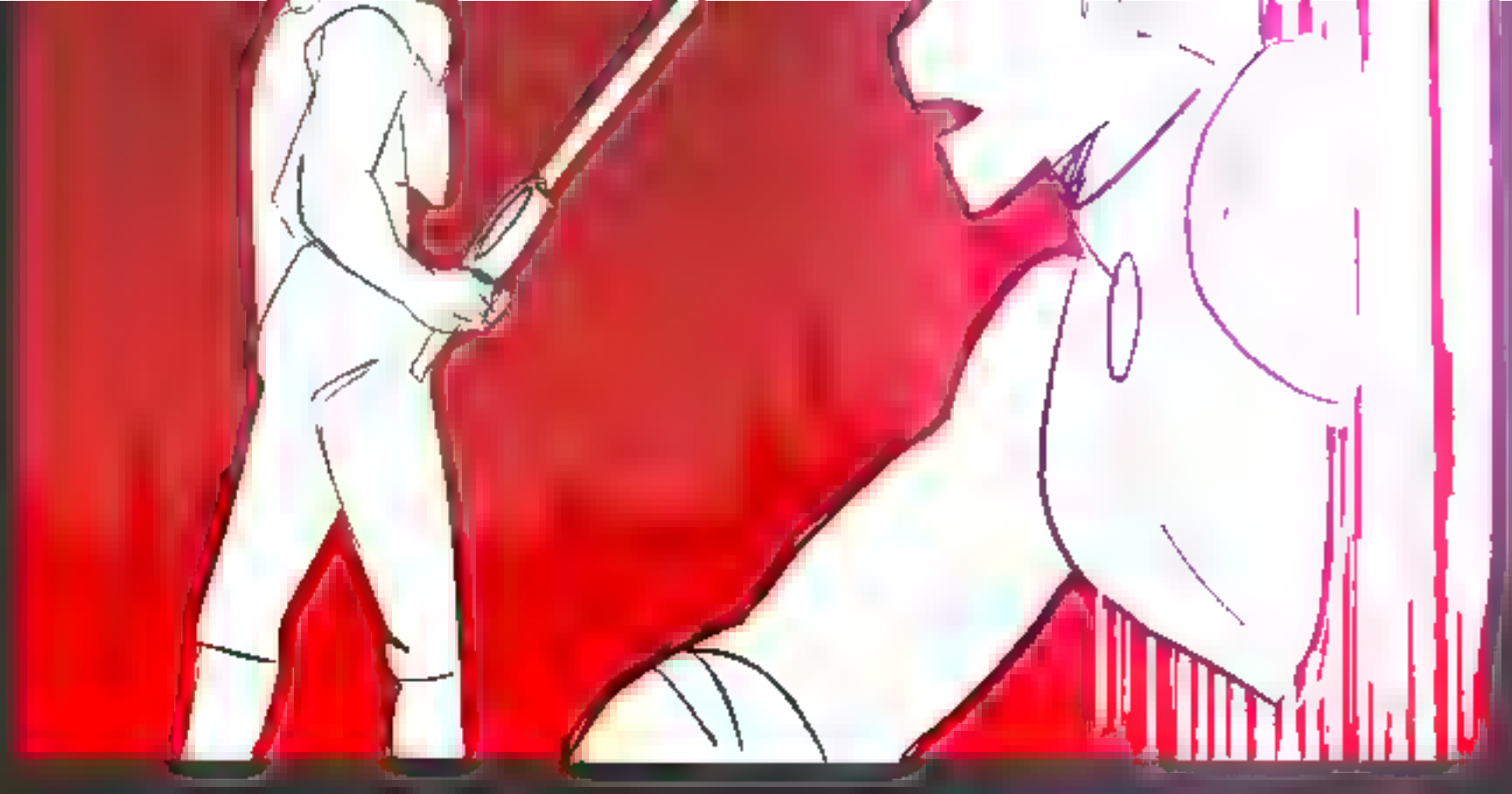

HE WILL
GET RID
OF YOU.

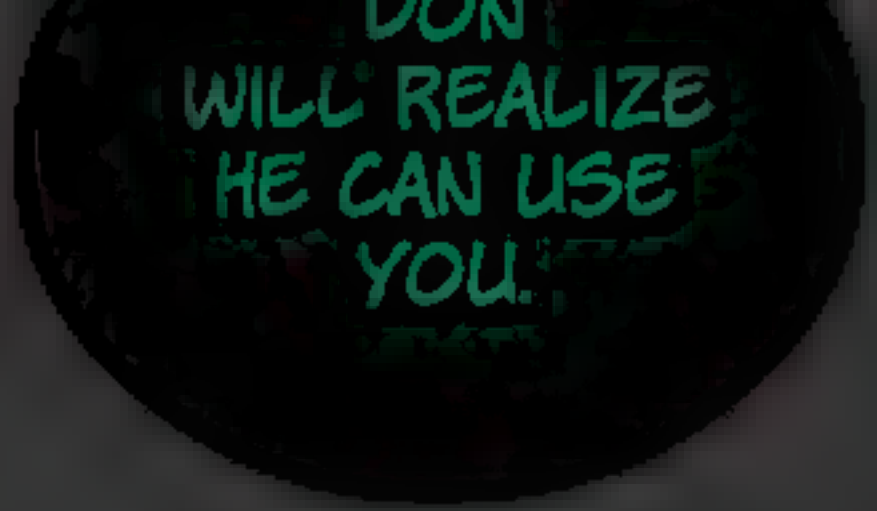


AND CONTINUE COLLECTING SWORDS AFTER YOU'RE GONE.

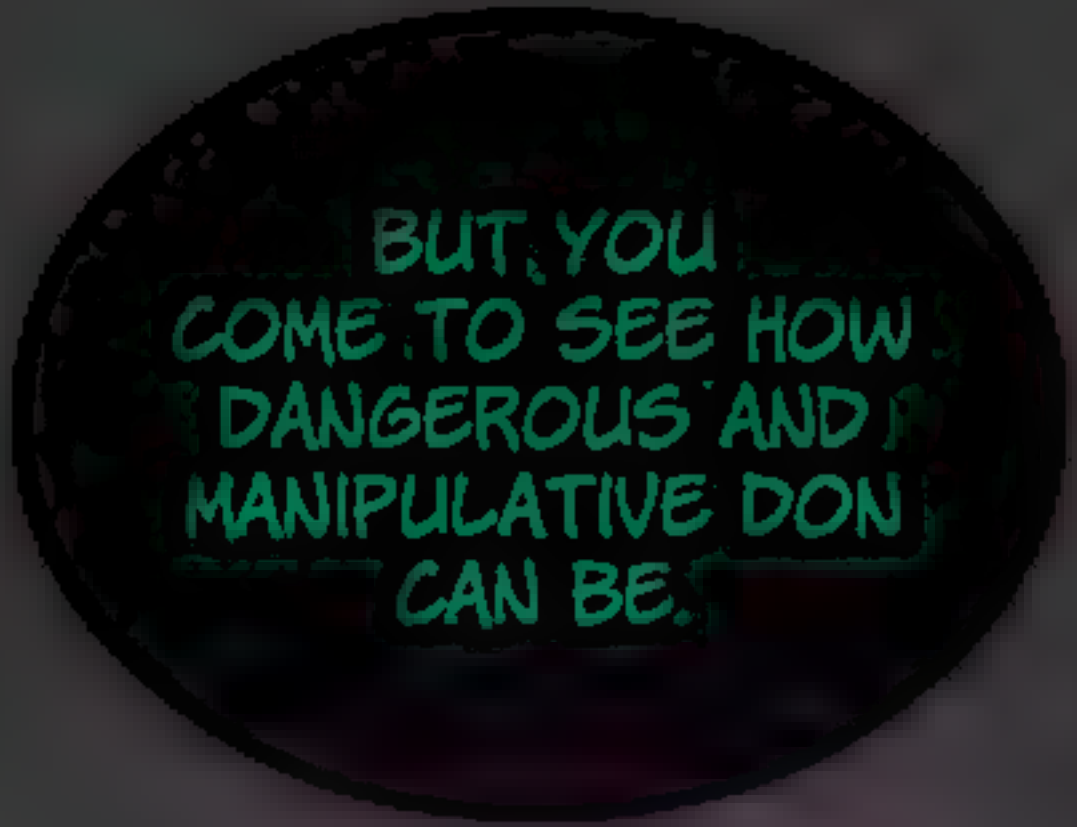

THOUGH,
A YEAR LATER
YOU WILL RETURN.

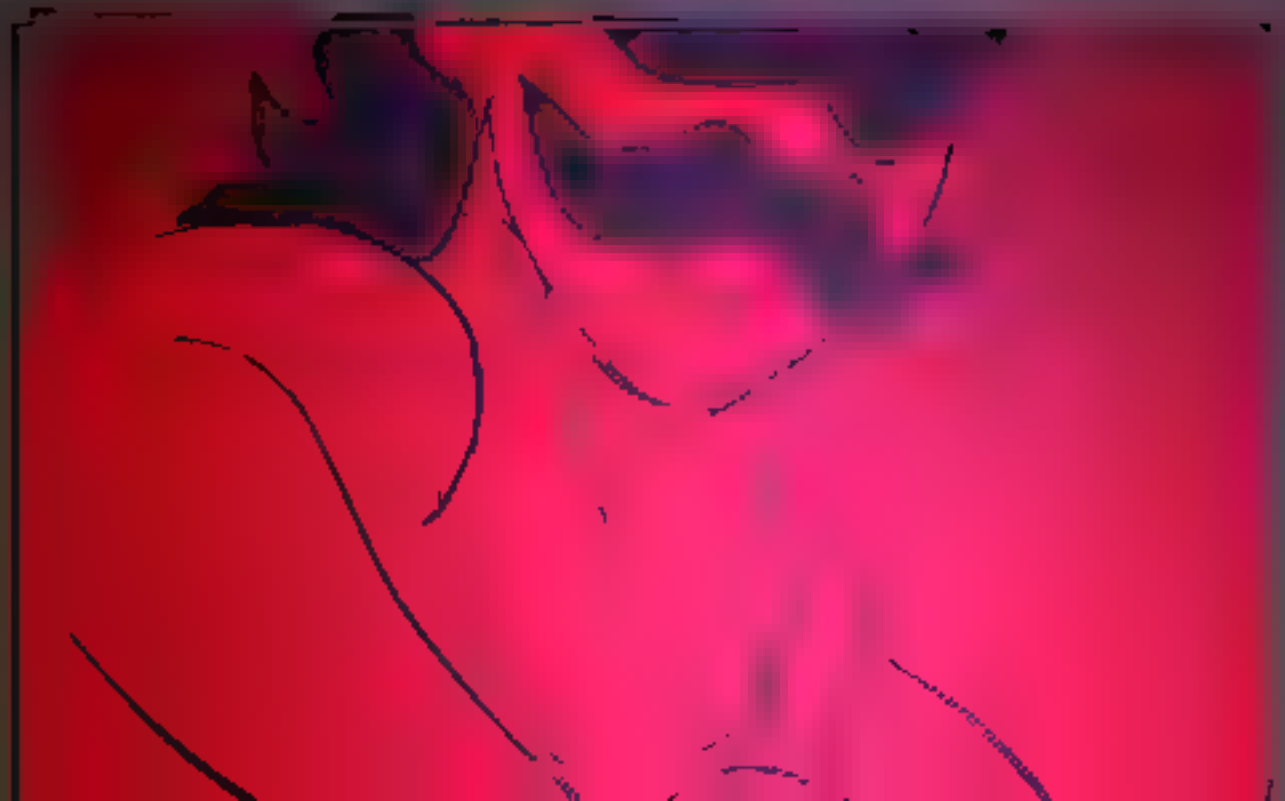
ALIVE BUT WITH NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED.

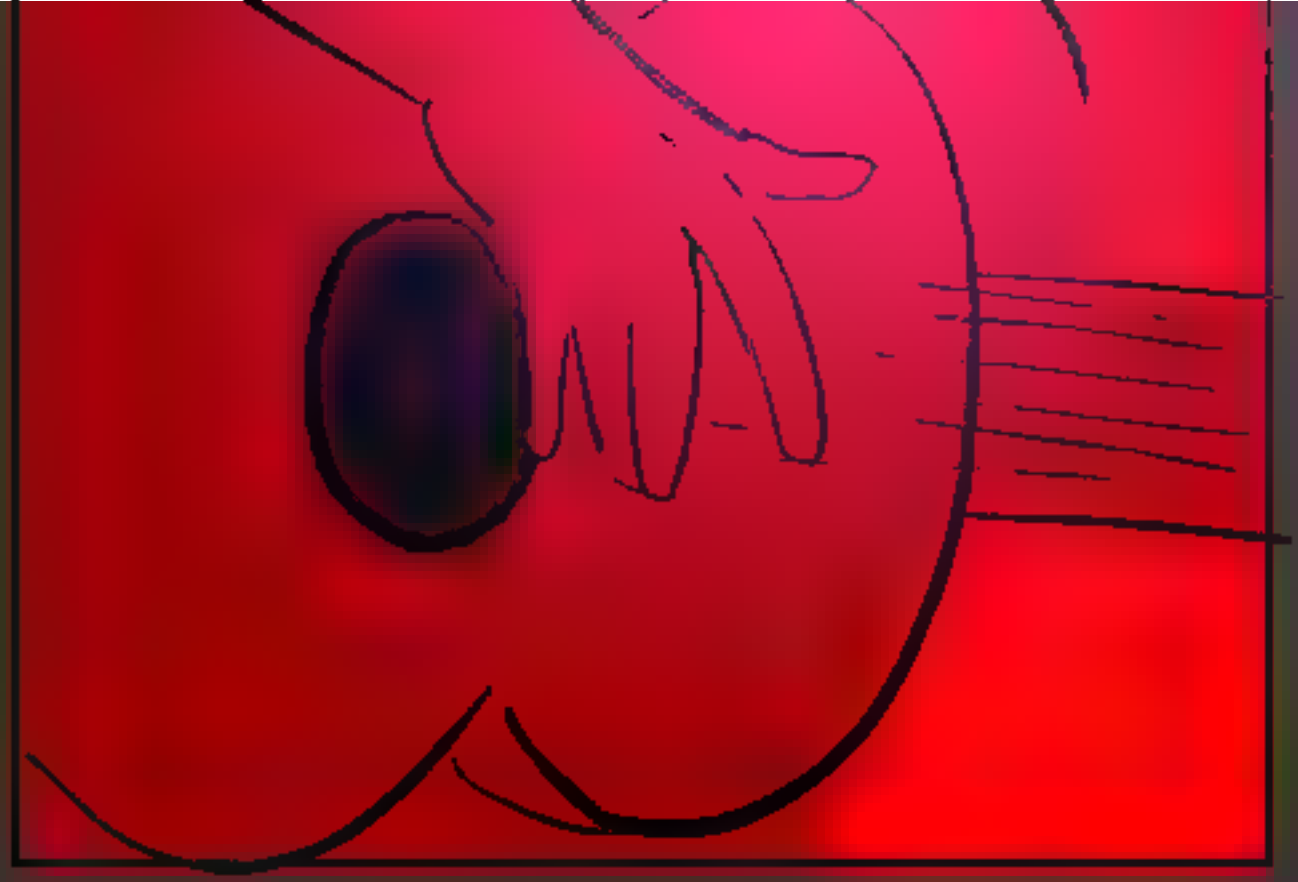


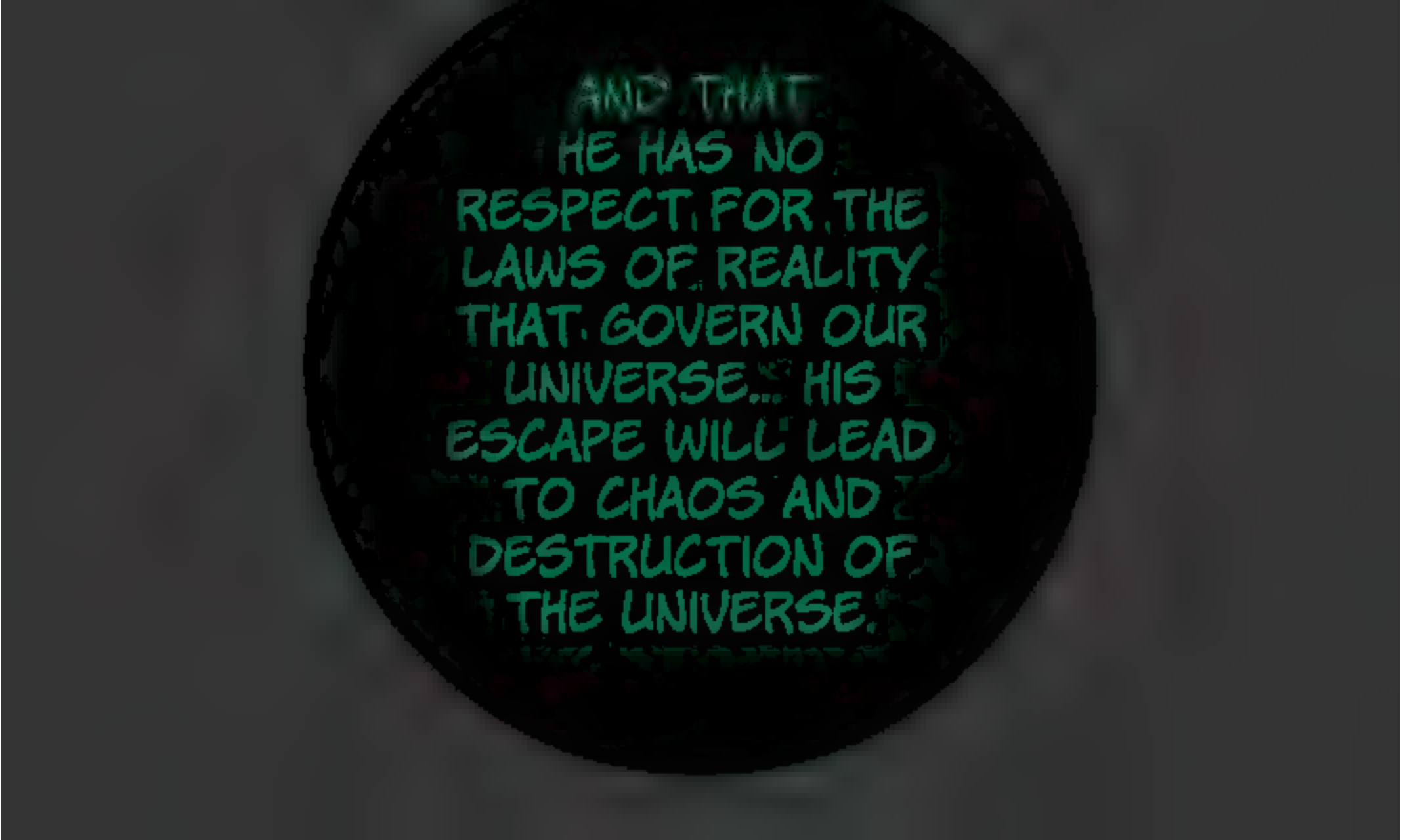

DON
WILL REALIZE
HE CAN USE
YOU.

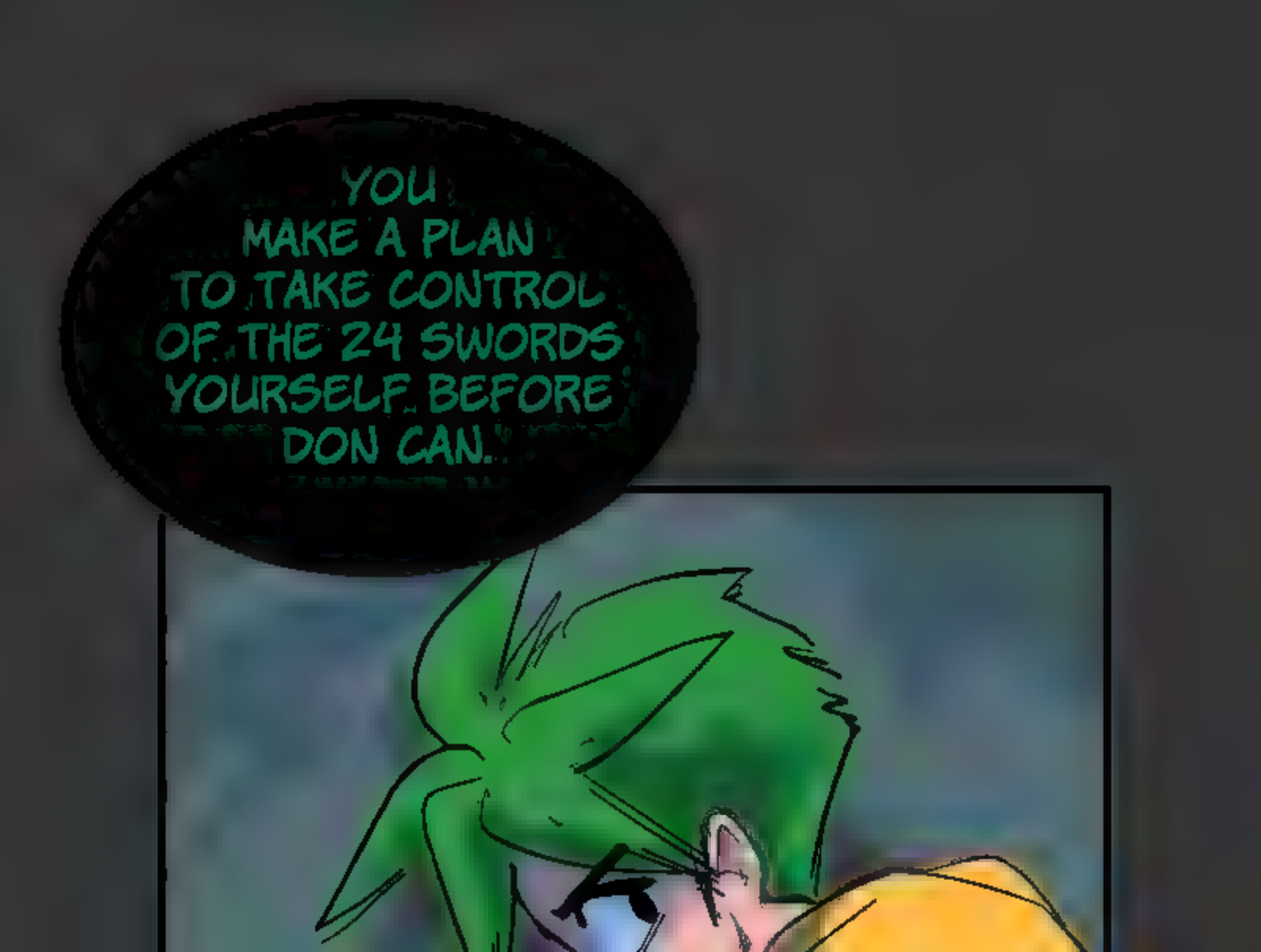
BY COMBINING YOUR POWERS, YOU COLLECT THE REMAINING SWORDS IN A MATTER OF MONTHS.
24/24


BUT, YOU
COME TO SEE HOW
DANGEROUS AND
MANIPULATIVE DON
CAN BE.



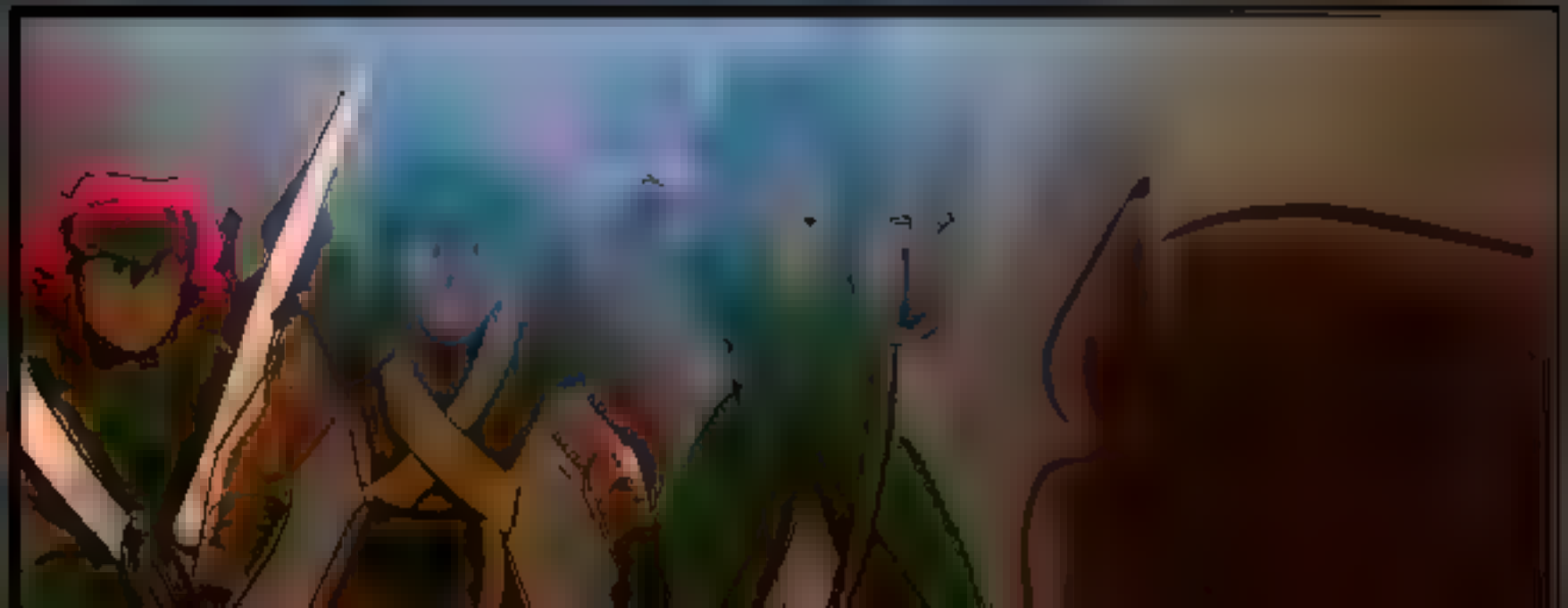


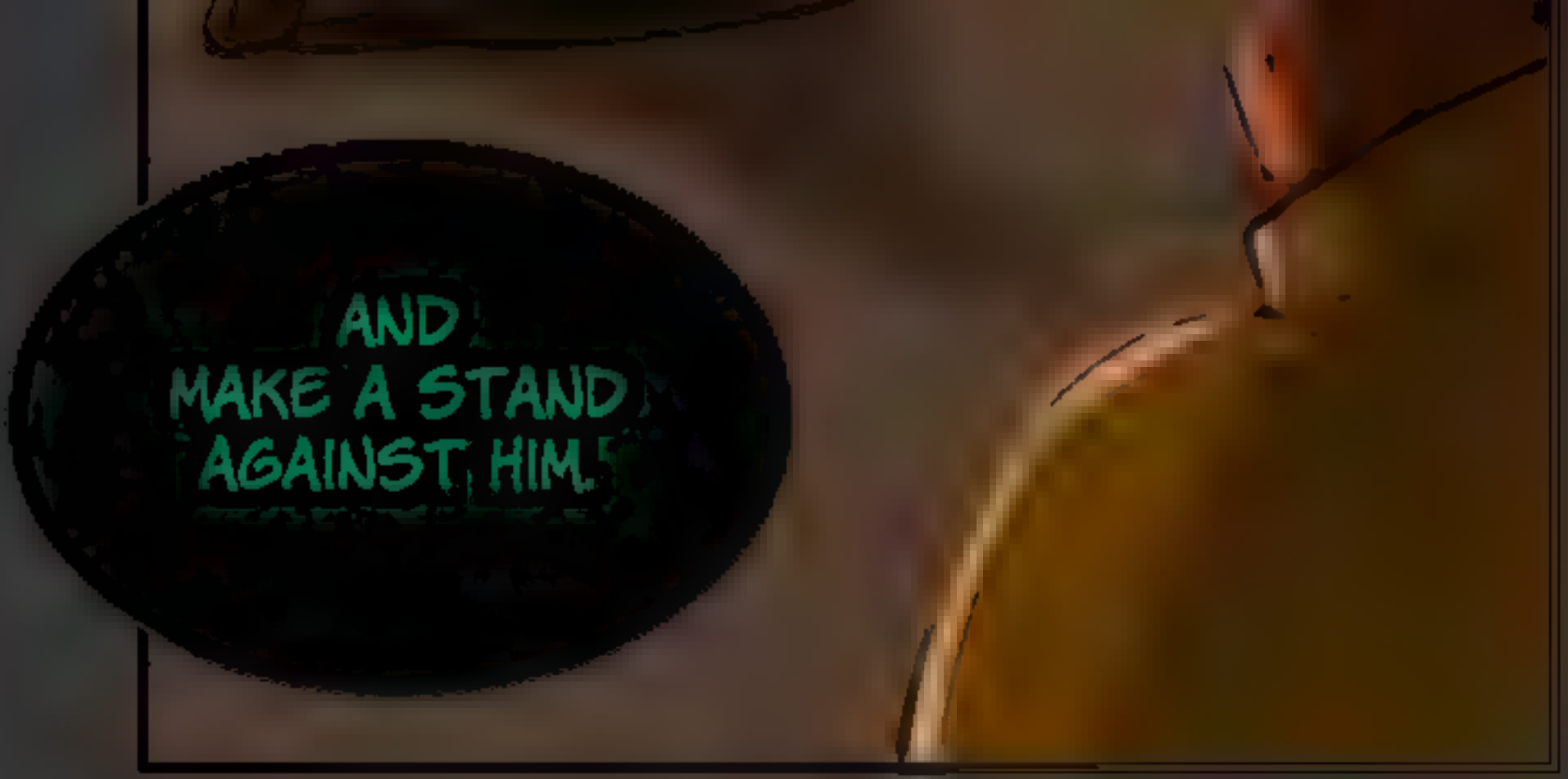

AND THAT
HE HAS NO
RESPECT FOR THE
LAWS OF REALITY
THAT GOVERN OUR
UNIVERSE... HIS
ESCAPE WILL LEAD
TO CHAOS AND
DESTRUCTION OF
THE UNIVERSE.

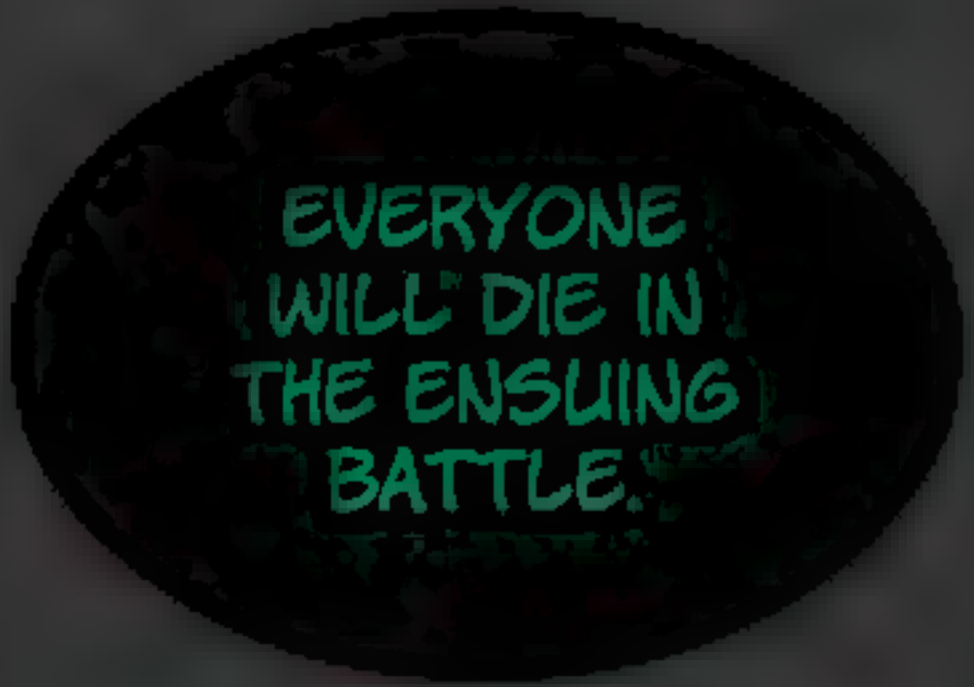

YOU MAKE A PLAN TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE 24 SWORDS YOURSELF BEFORE DON CAN.

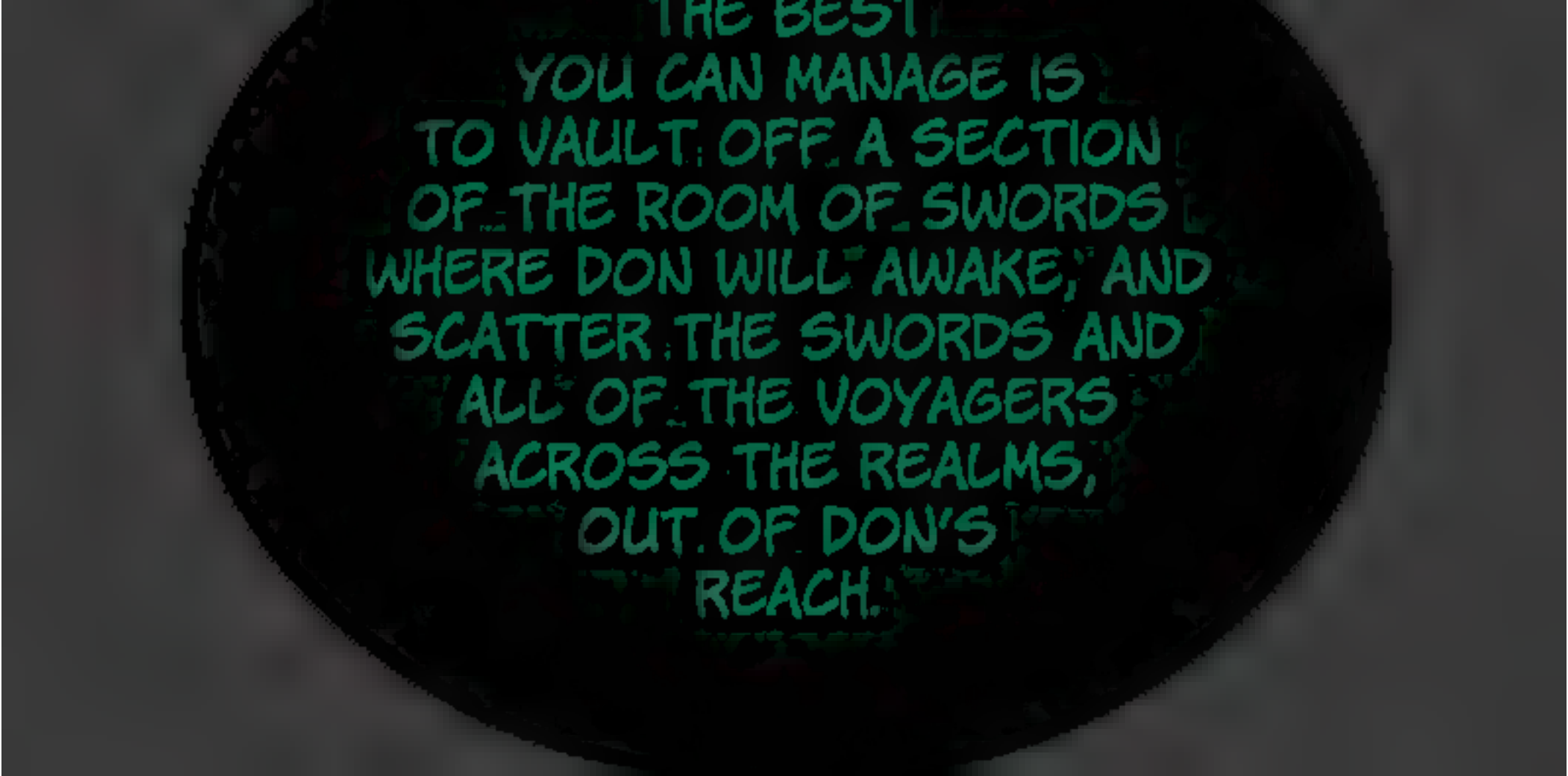
YOU BUILD IN A FAIL-SAFE FOR

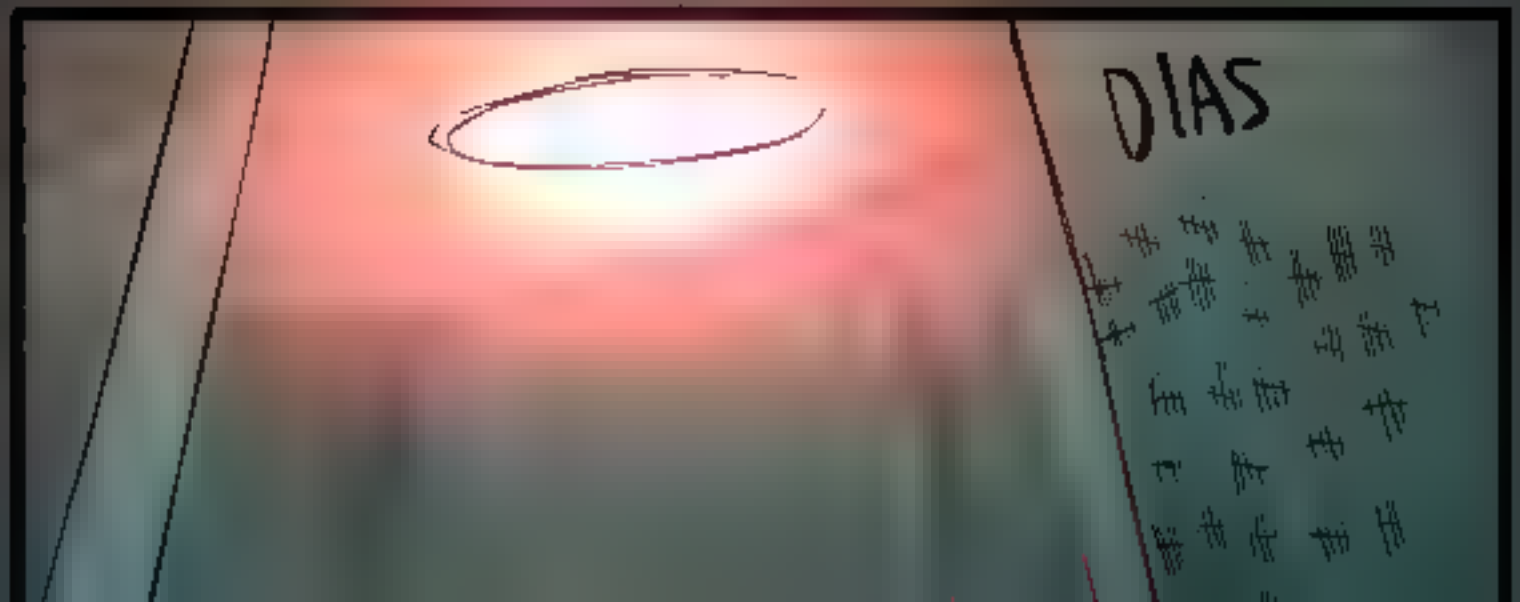
THE ROOM OF SWORDS
SAFE ROOM




AND
MAKE A STAND
AGAINST HIM.


EVERYONE WILL DIE IN THE ENSUING BATTLE.


THE BEST
YOU CAN MANAGE IS
TO VAULT OFF A SECTION
OF THE ROOM OF SWORDS
WHERE DON WILL AWAKE, AND
SCATTER THE SWORDS AND
ALL OF THE VOYAGERS
ACROSS THE REALMS,
OUT OF DON'S
REACH.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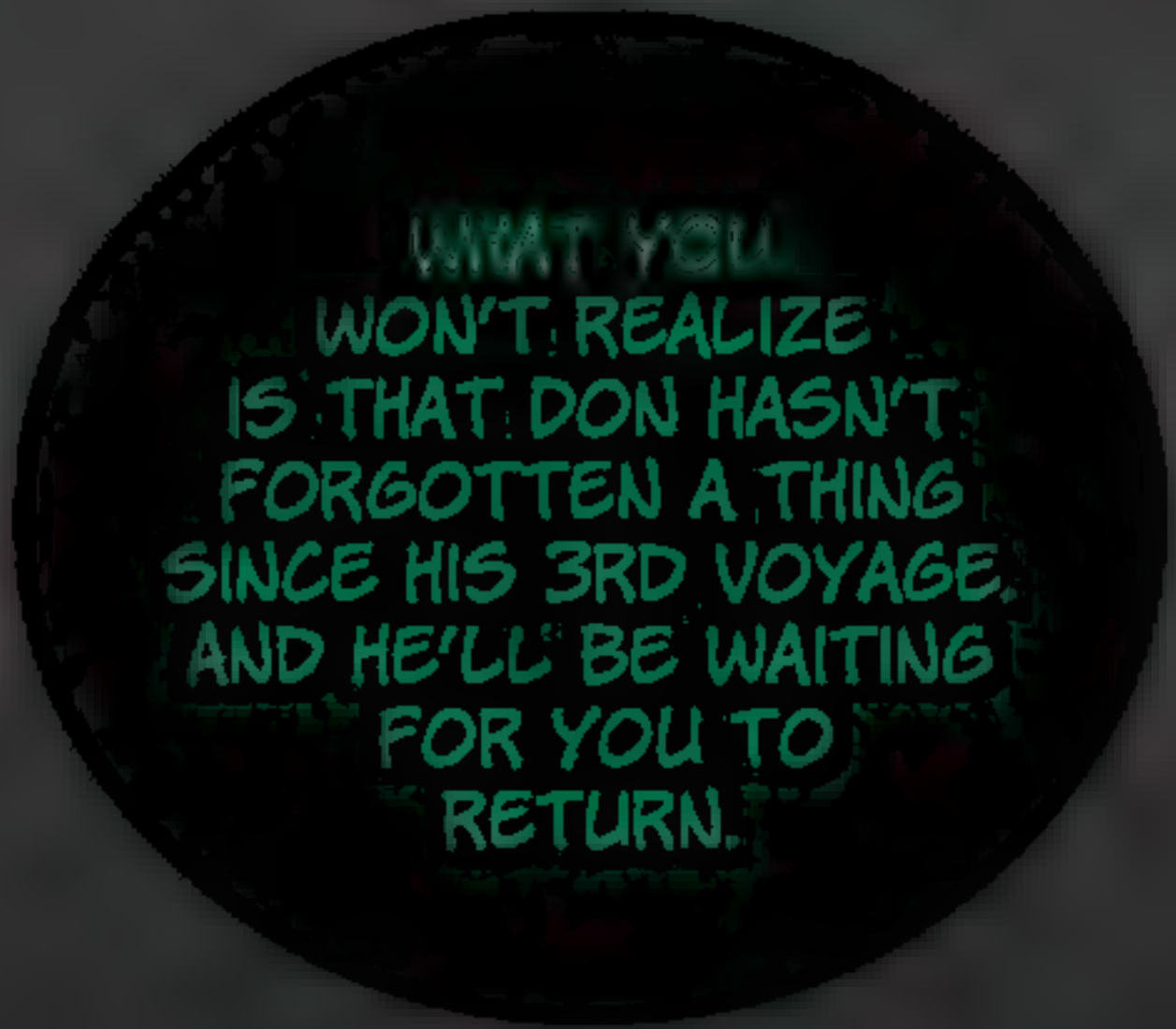
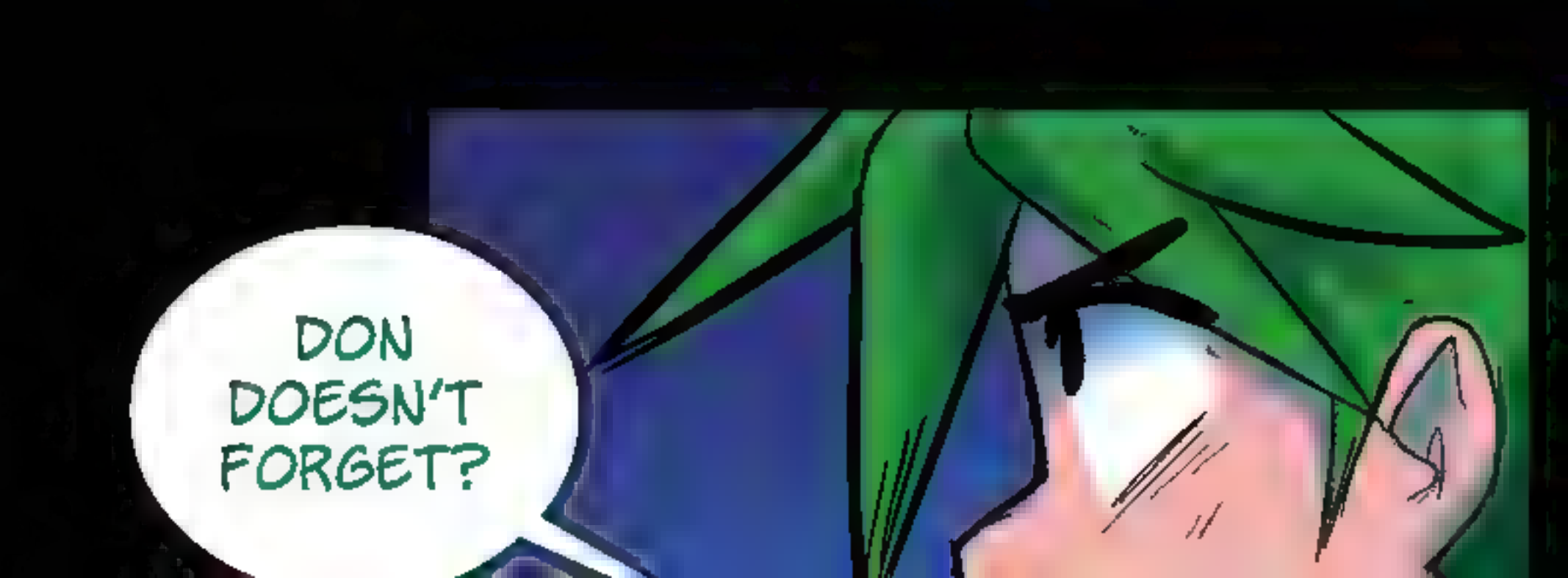
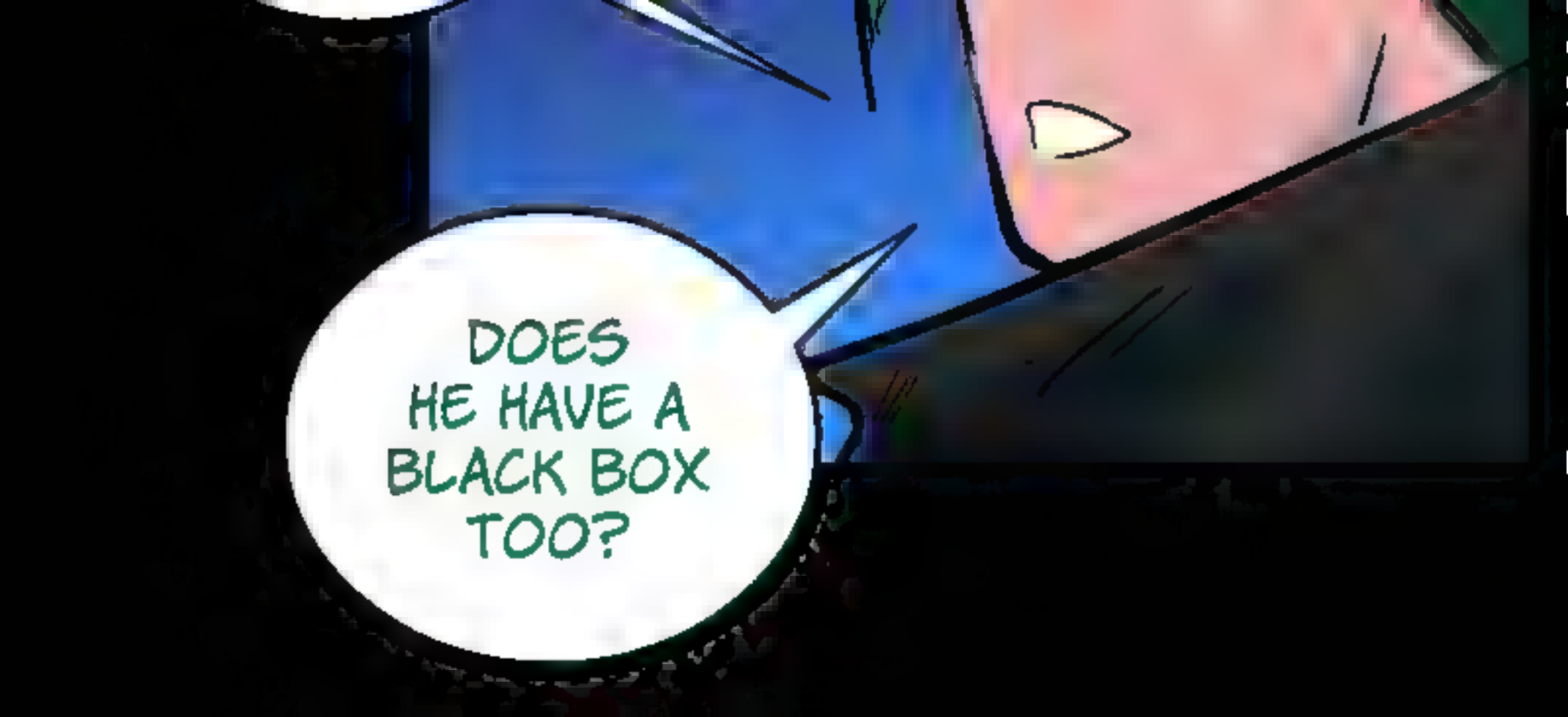
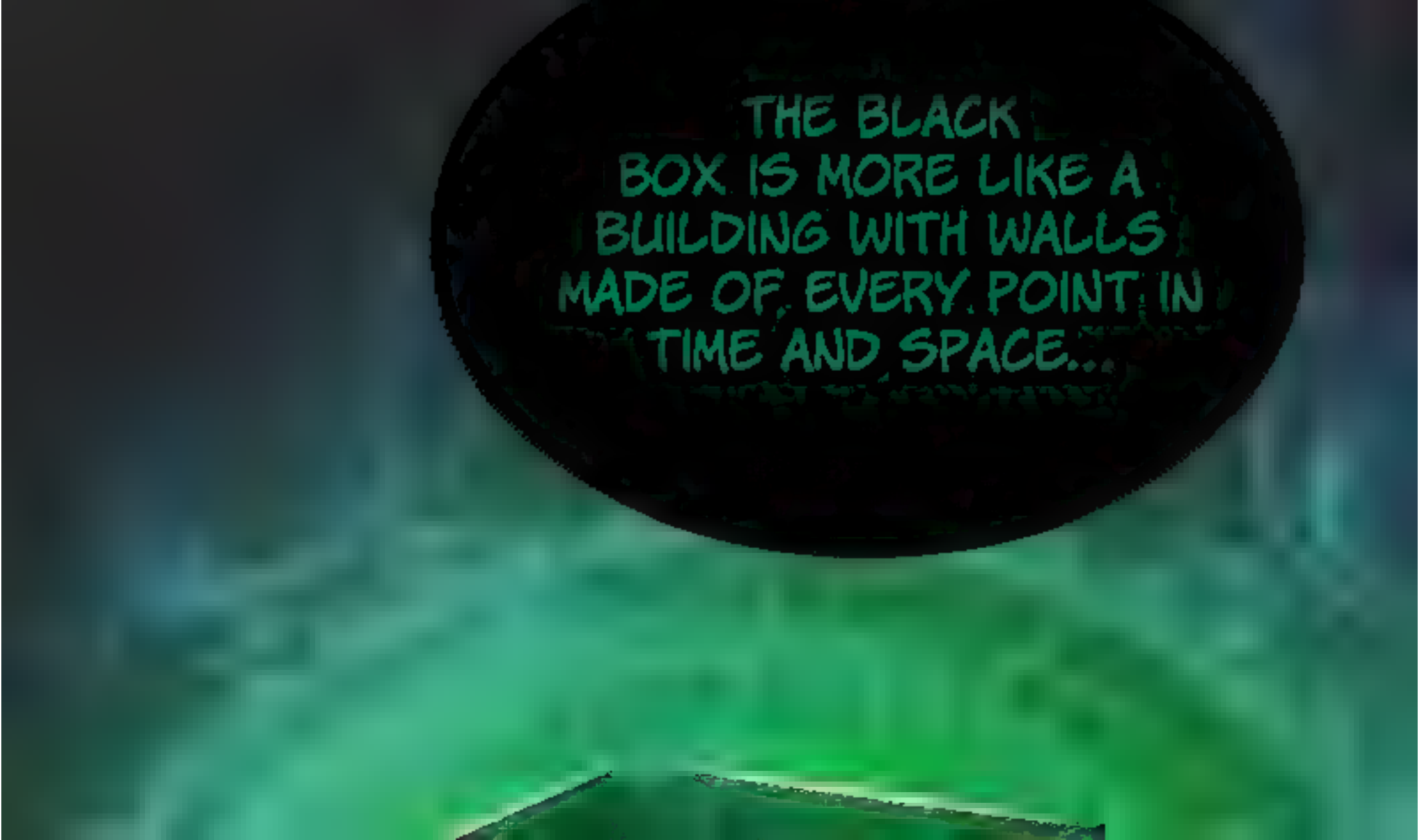
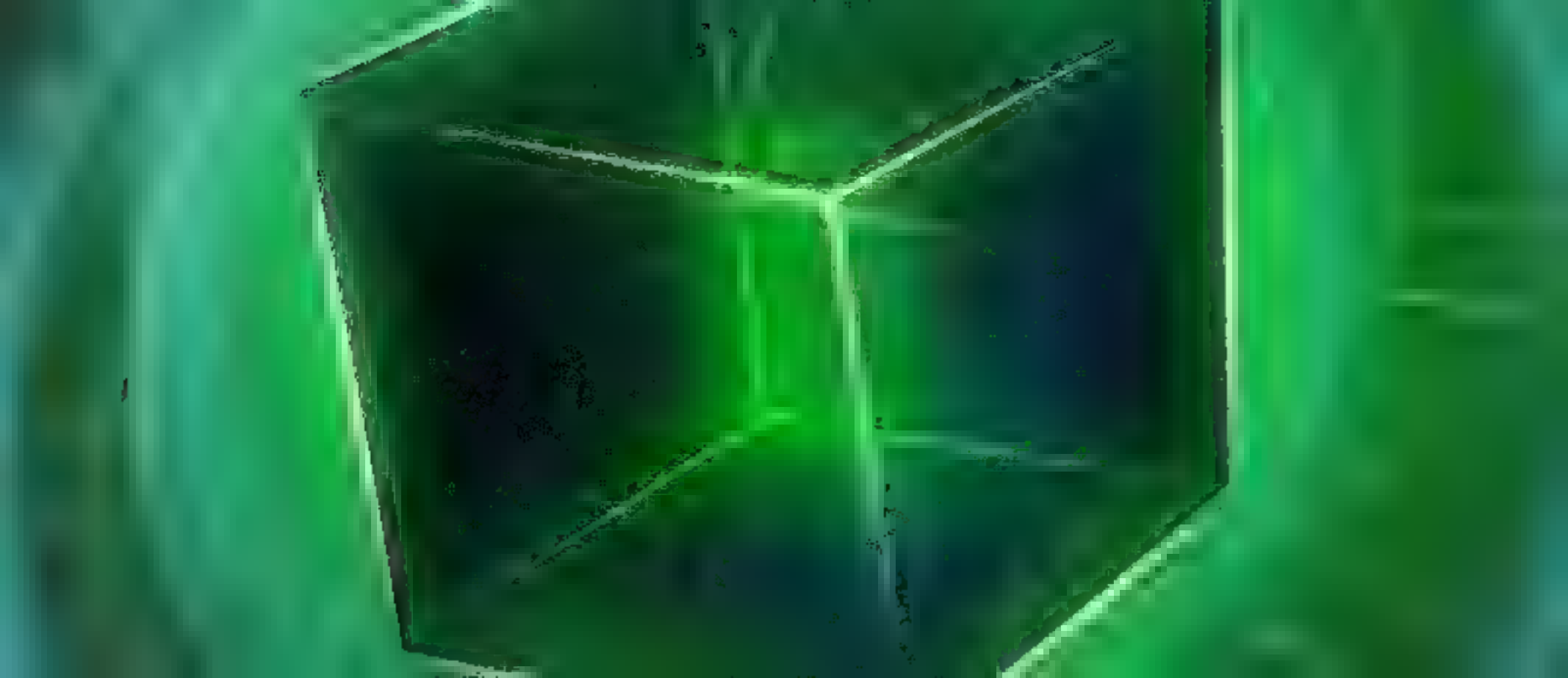
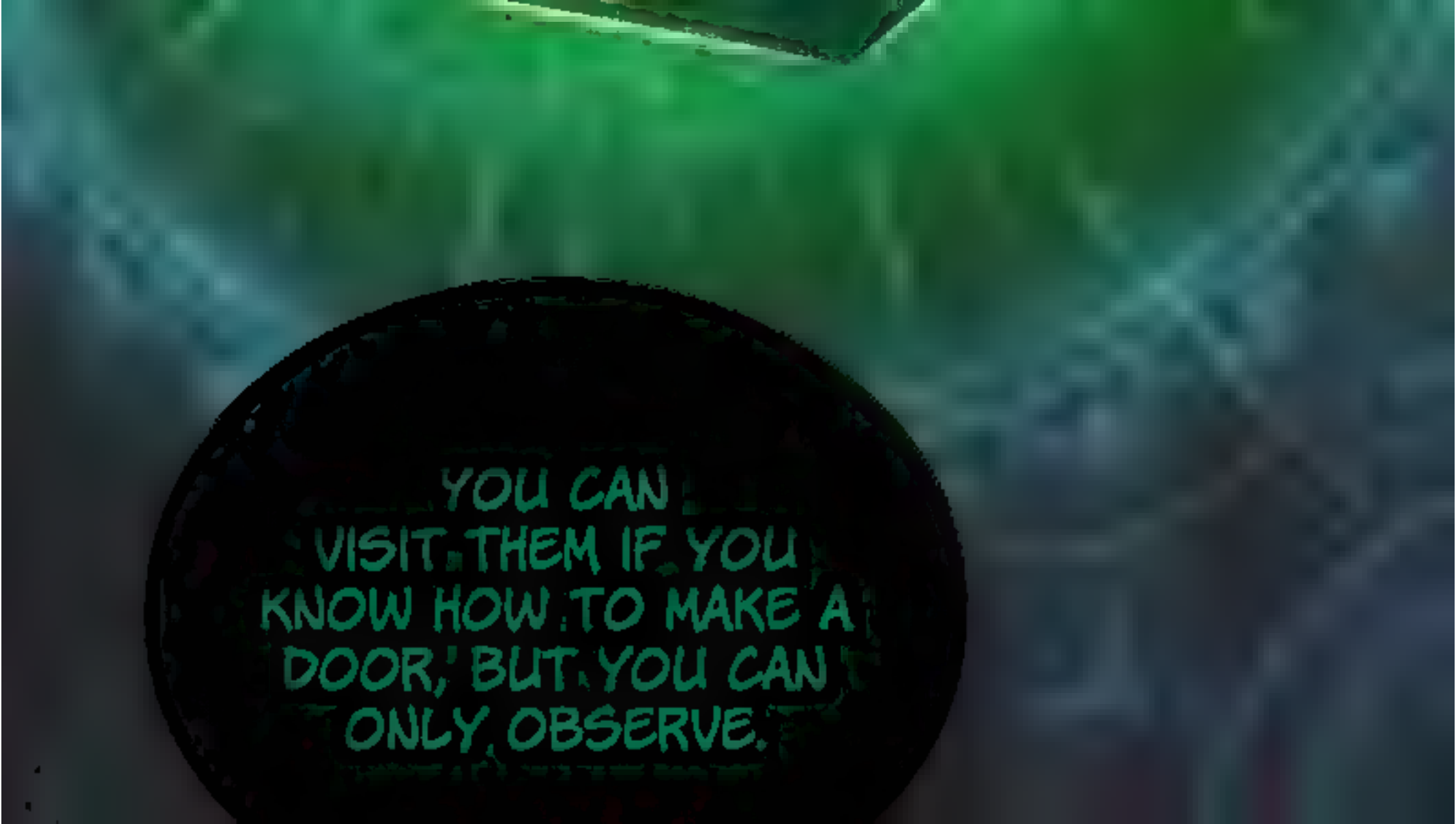

WHAT YOU
WON'T REALIZE
IS THAT DON HASN'T
FORGOTTEN A THING
SINCE HIS 3RD VOYAGE.
AND HE'LL BE WAITING
FOR YOU TO
RETURN.

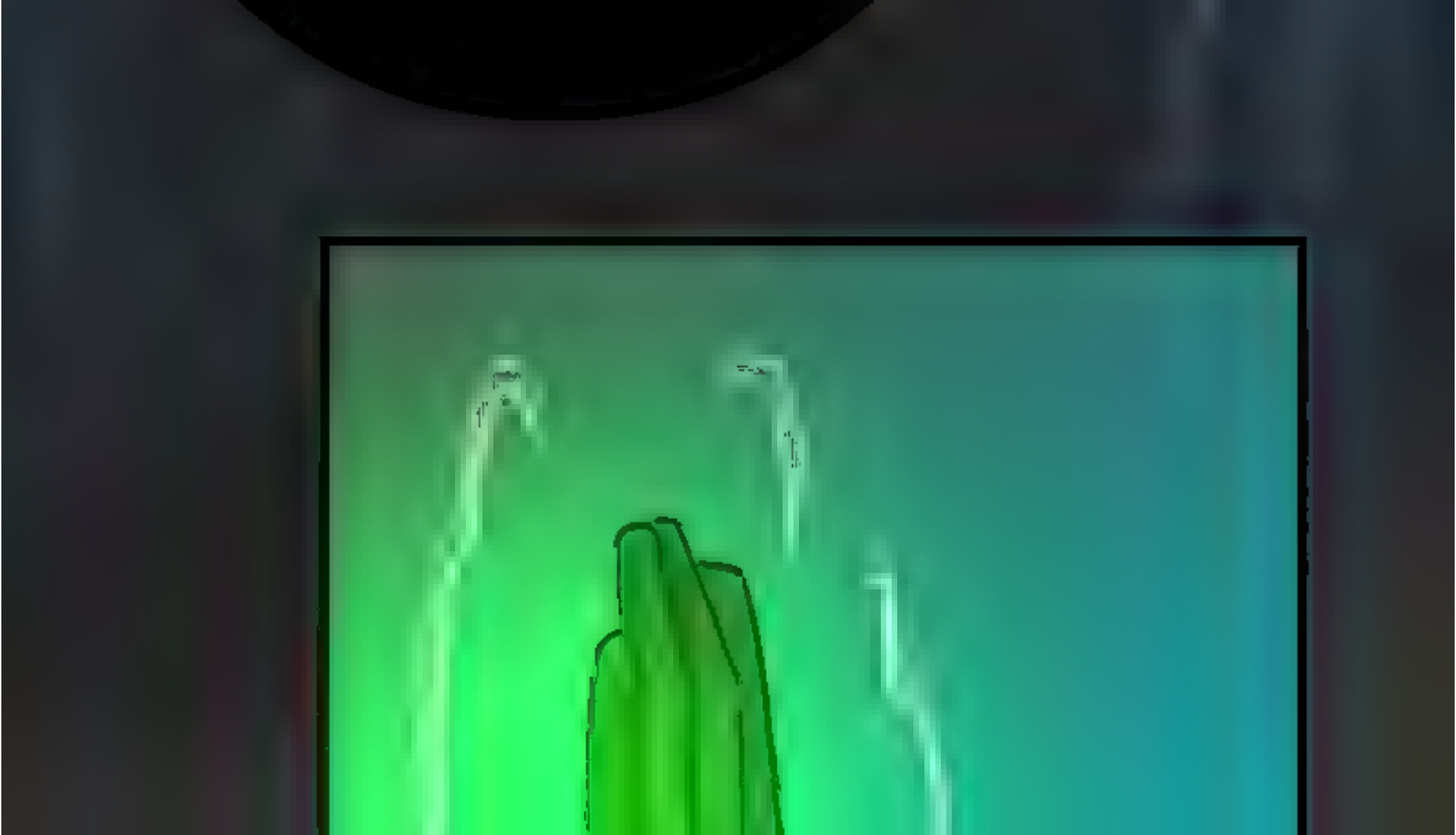

DON DOESN'T FORGET?


DOES HE HAVE A BLACK BOX TOO?

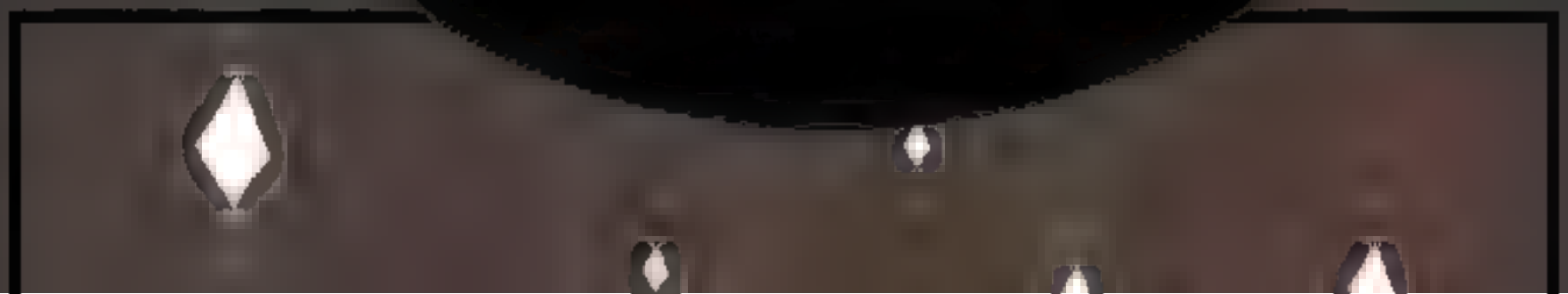

THE BLACK BOX IS MORE LIKE A BUILDING WITH WALLS MADE OF EVERY POINT IN TIME AND SPACE...

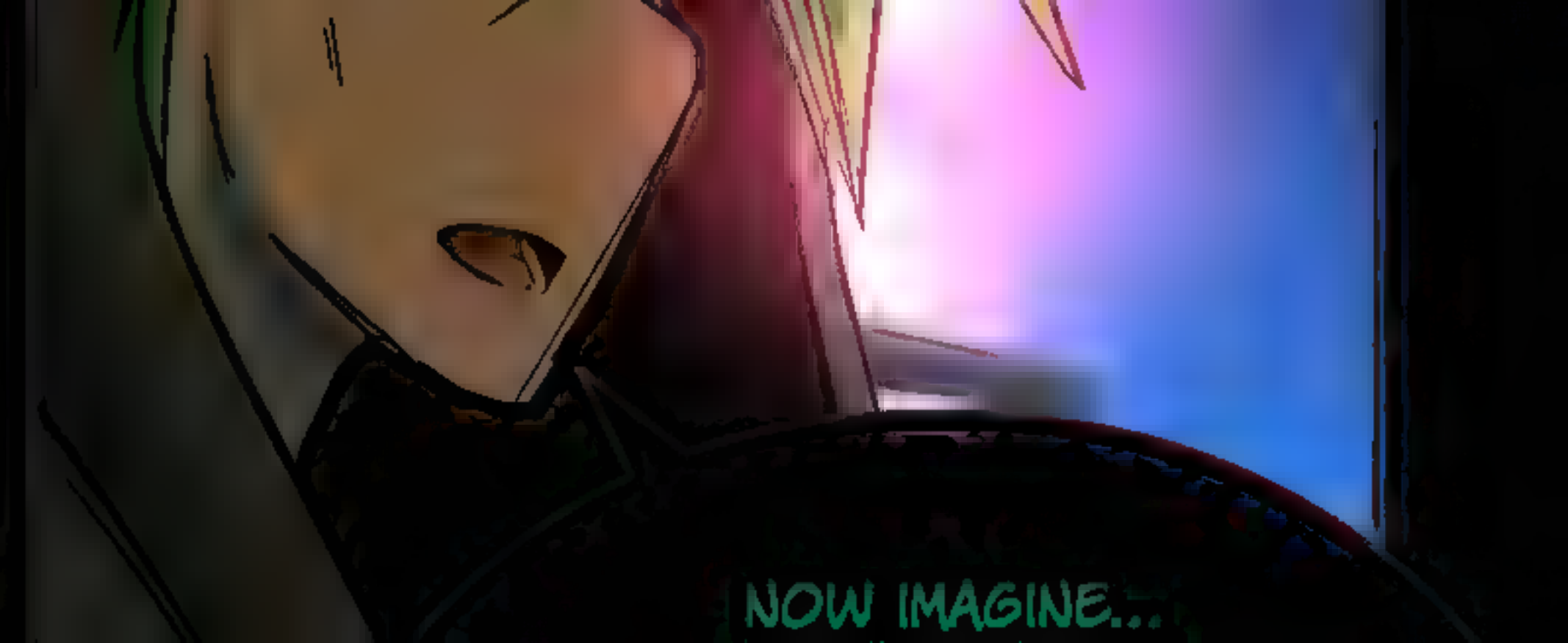



YOU CAN VISIT THEM IF YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE A DOOR, BUT YOU CAN ONLY OBSERVE.

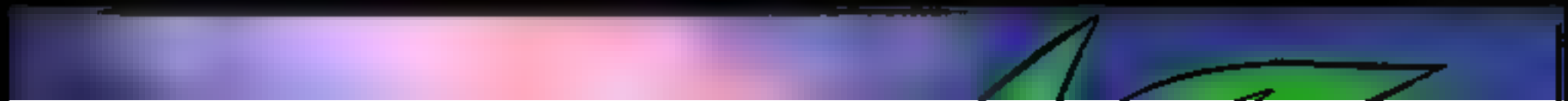


WHAT DON HAS IS CONTROL OF REALITY ITSELF. CONTINUITY OF REALITY ACROSS VOYAGES IS A TRIVIAL TASK FOR HIM. AS LONG AS HIS POWERS REMAIN ACTIVE THROUGH CONTACT WITH A BOSS SWORD IN EVERY VOYAGE, HE WILL REMEMBER.



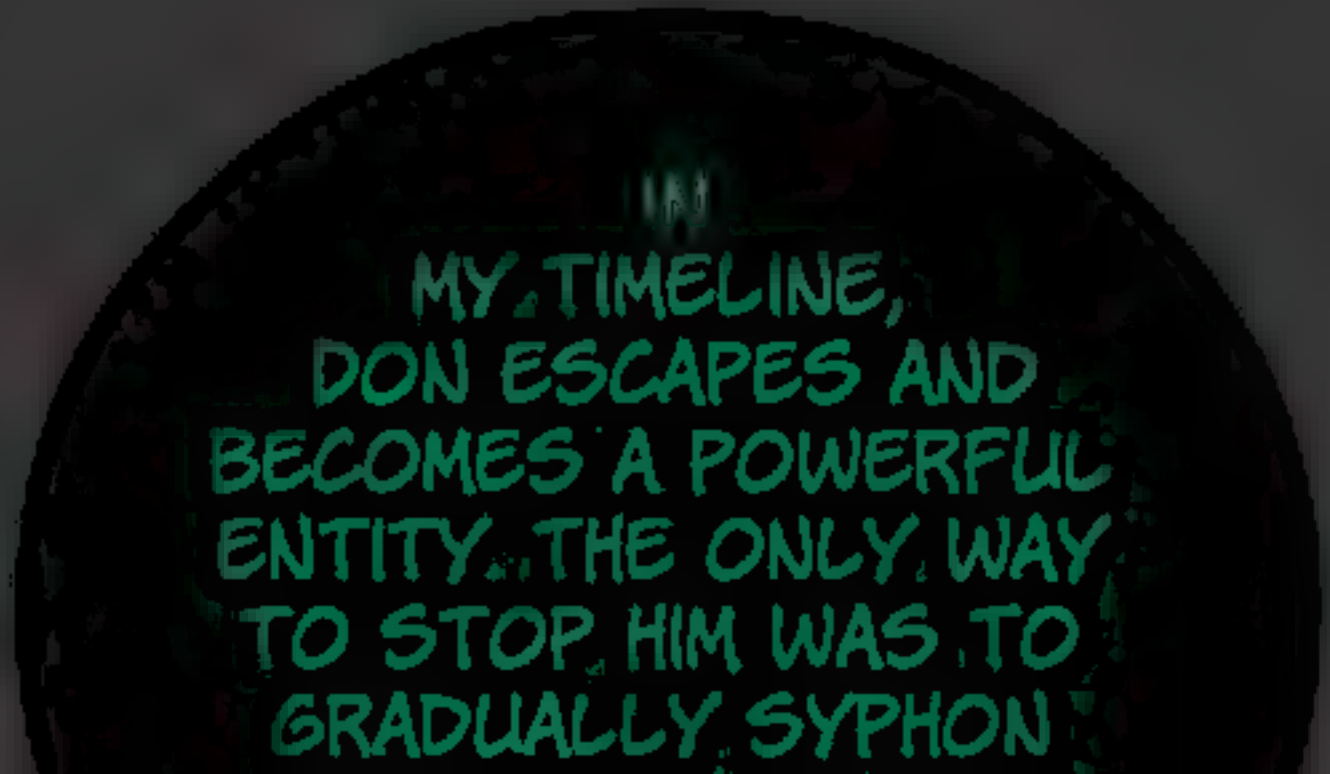

NOW IMAGINE...

HOW DANGEROUS IT WOULD BE TO COMBINE THOSE POWERS. ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER REALITY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE. THAT IS GOD-LIKE... AND THAT'S THE POWER YOU WOULD NEED TO DESTROY THE ROOM OF SWORDS, OR TO STOP DON.

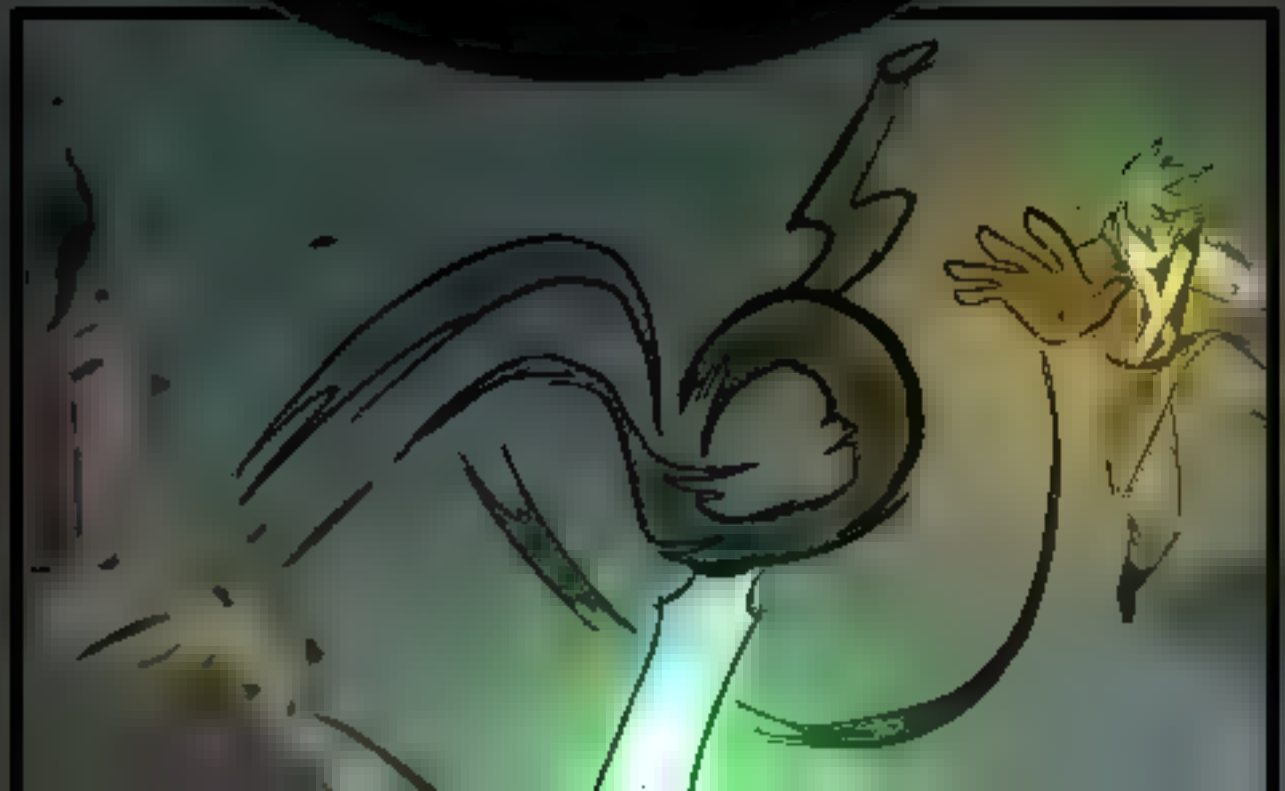


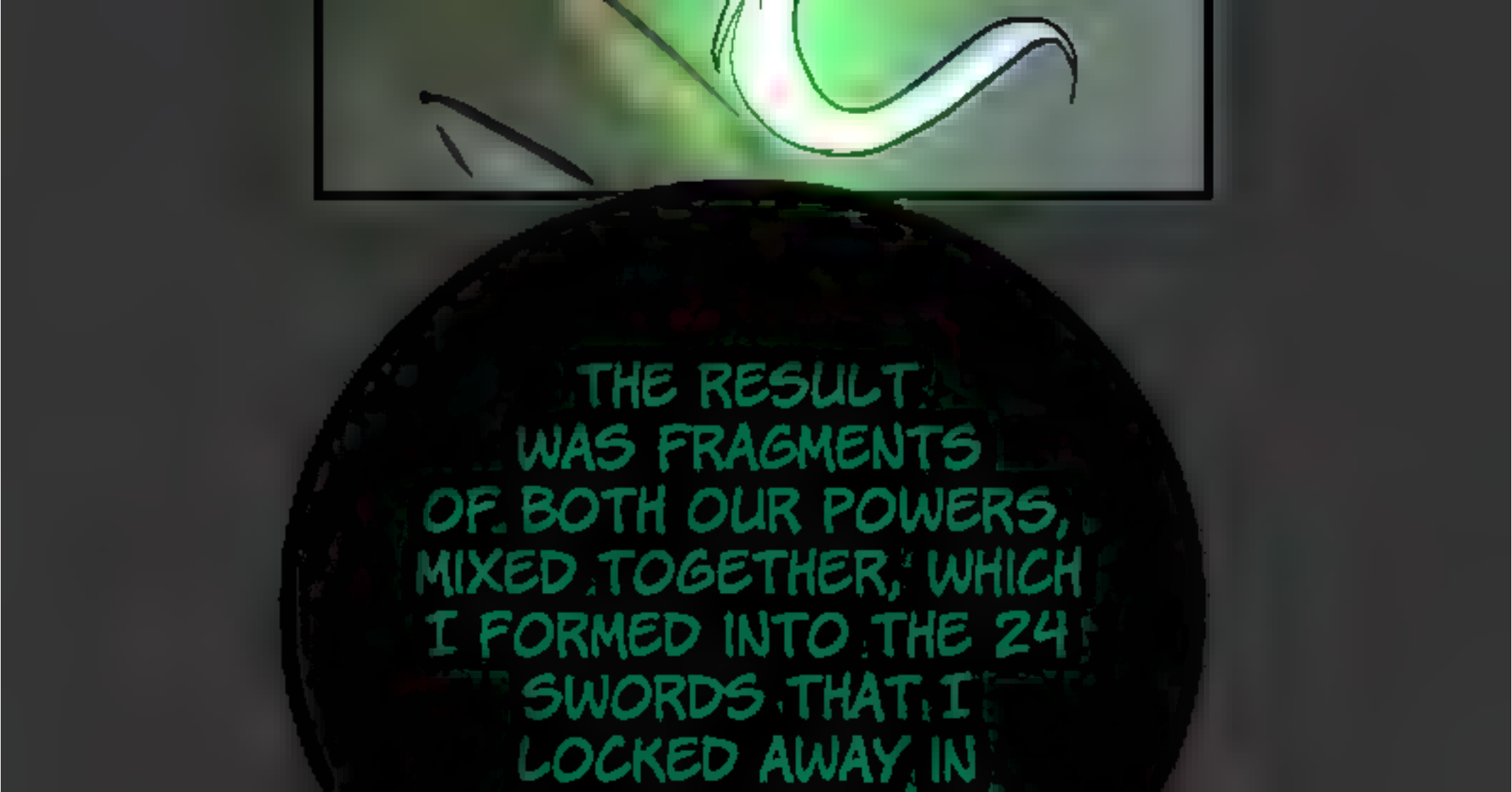
BUT THAT WOULD NEVER WORK... IT'S NOT LIKE DON WOULD JUST GO ALONG WITH THAT.

HE WOULDN'T NEED TO,' IF YOU HAD THE 24 SWORDS.

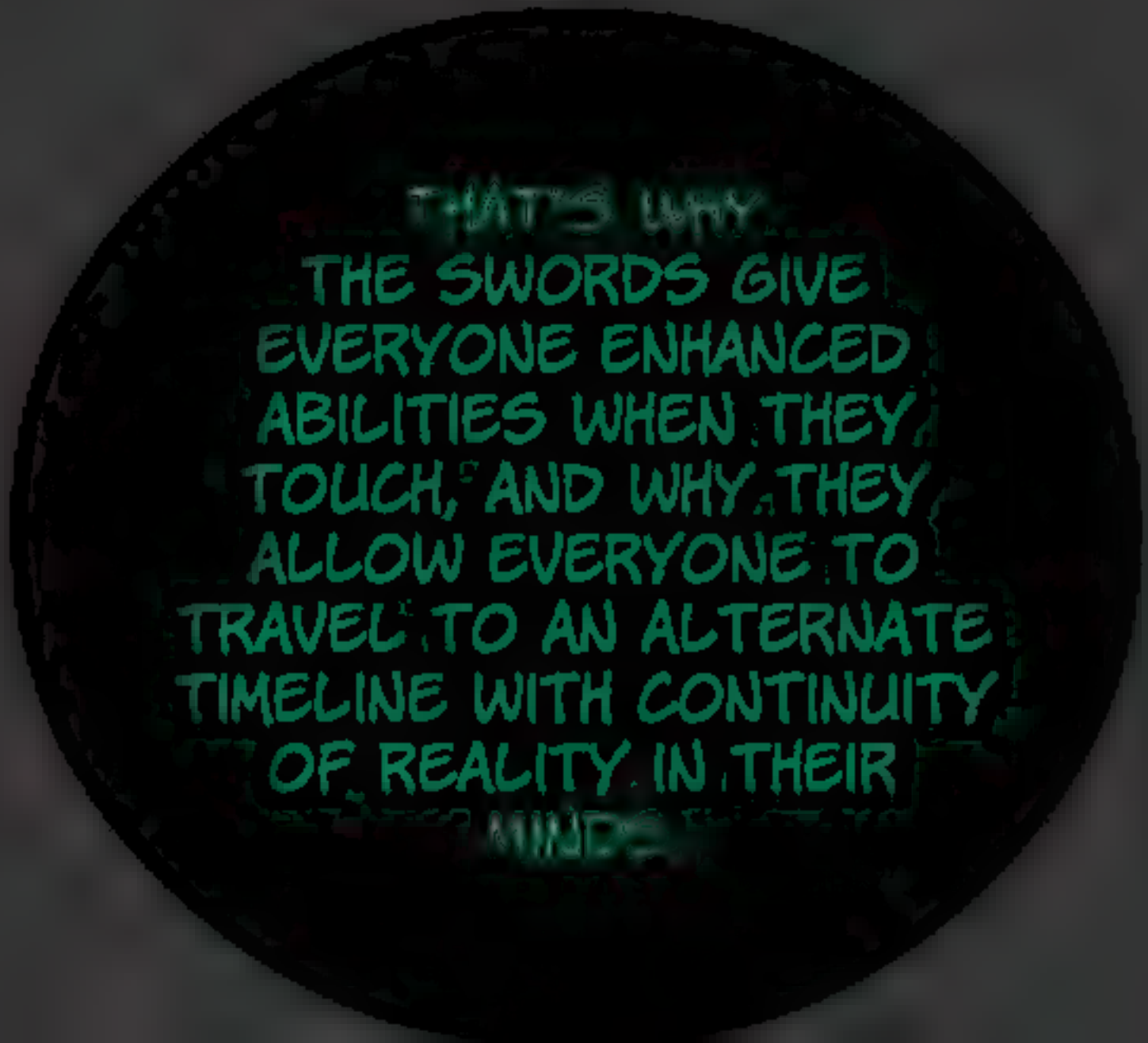

MY TIMELINE,
DON ESCAPES AND
BECOMES A POWERFUL
ENTITY. THE ONLY WAY
TO STOP HIM WAS TO
GRADUALLY SYPHON

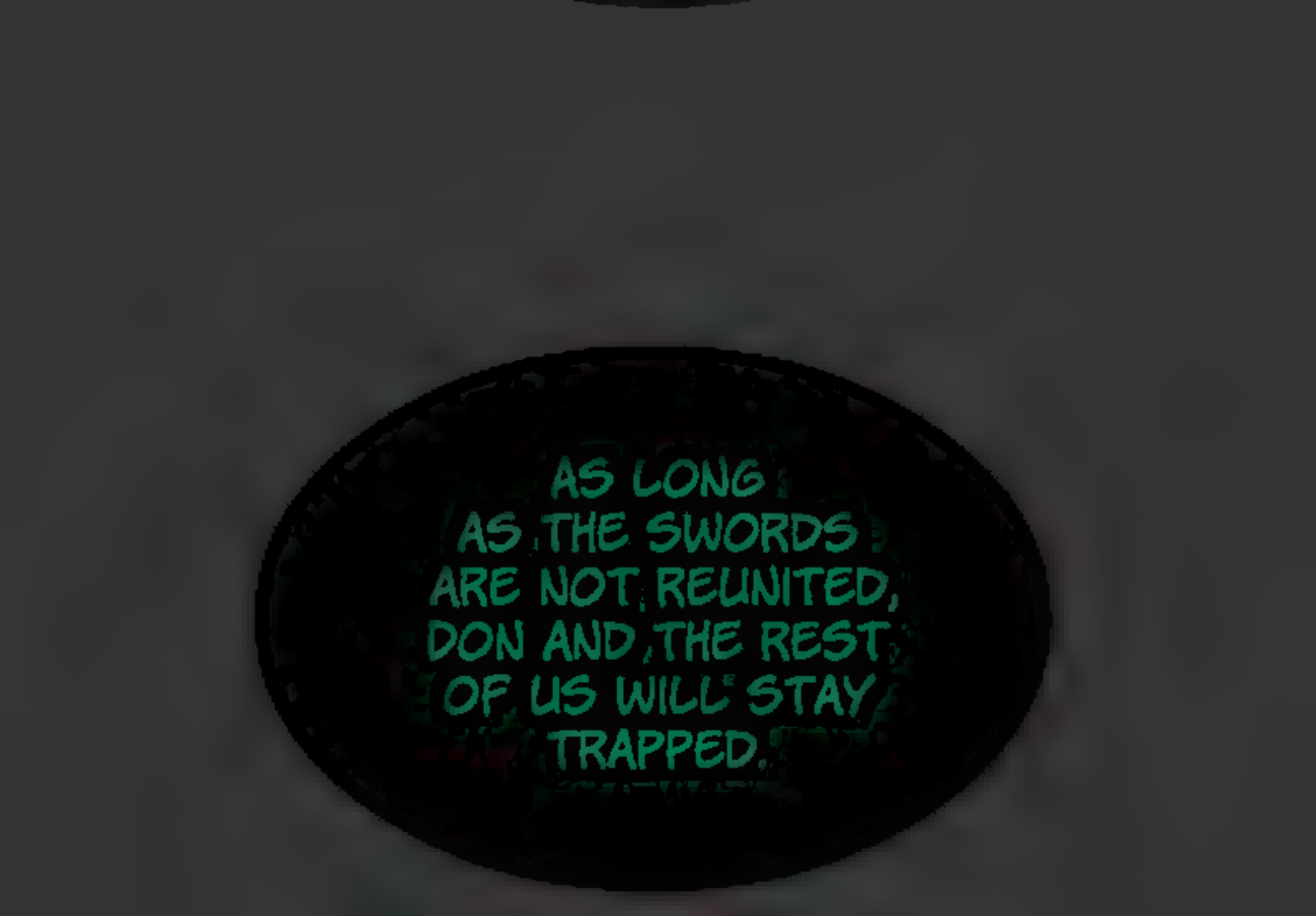
OFF. HIS POWER BY BOMBARDING HIM WITH MY OWN.

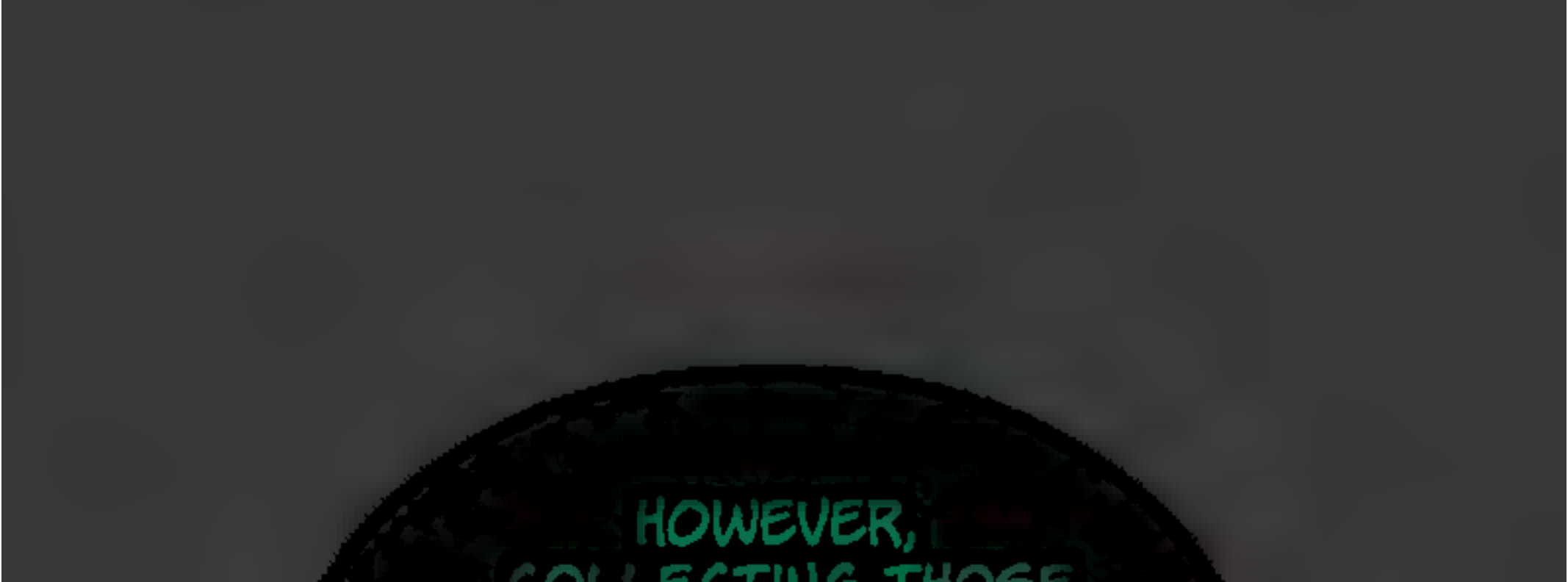



THE RESULT
WAS FRAGMENTS
OF BOTH OUR POWERS,
MIXED TOGETHER, WHICH
I FORMED INTO THE 24
SWORDS THAT I
LOCKED AWAY IN

THIS DIMENSION.


THAT'S WHY...
THE SWORDS GIVE EVERYONE ENHANCED ABILITIES WHEN THEY TOUCH, AND WHY THEY ALLOW EVERYONE TO TRAVEL TO AN ALTERNATE TIMELINE WITH CONTINUITY OF REALITY IN THEIR


AS LONG
AS THE SWORDS
ARE NOT REUNITED,
DON AND THE REST
OF US WILL STAY
TRAPPED.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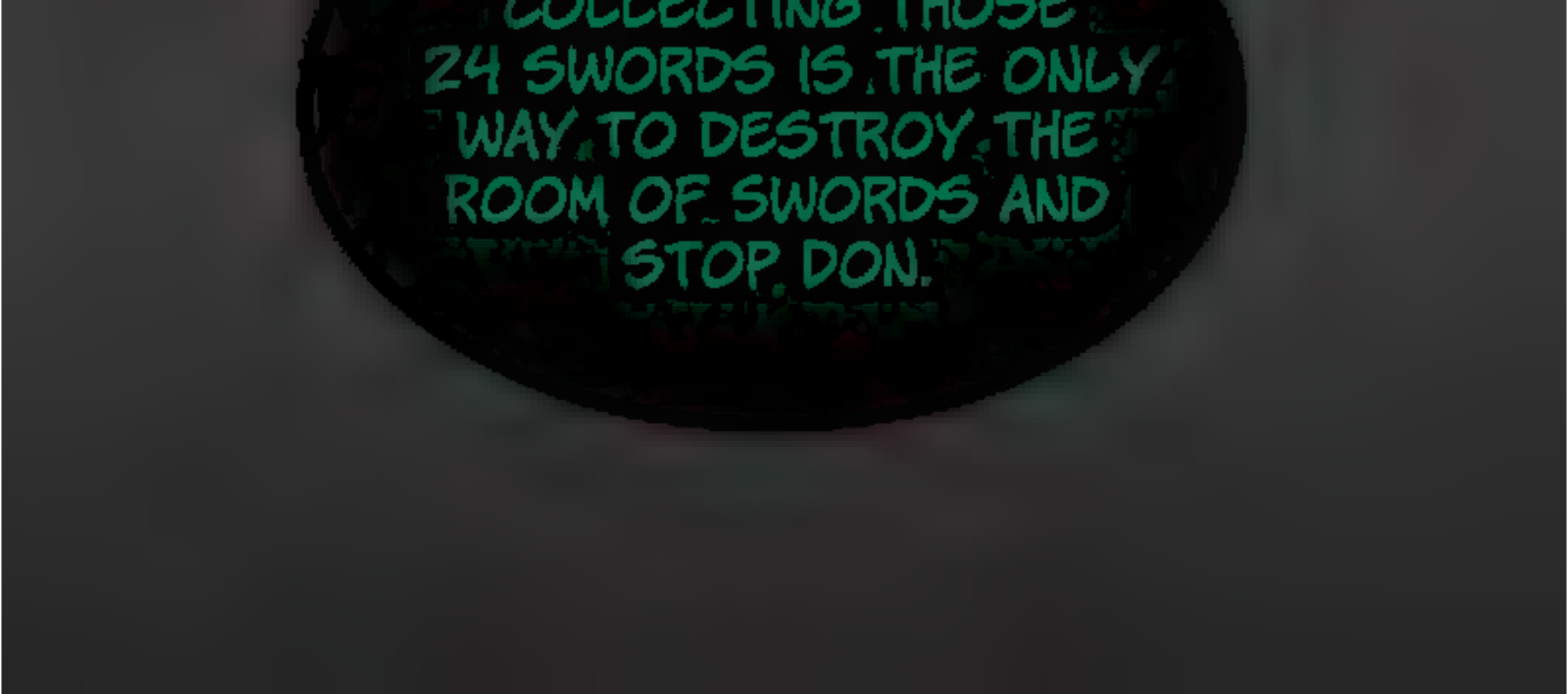
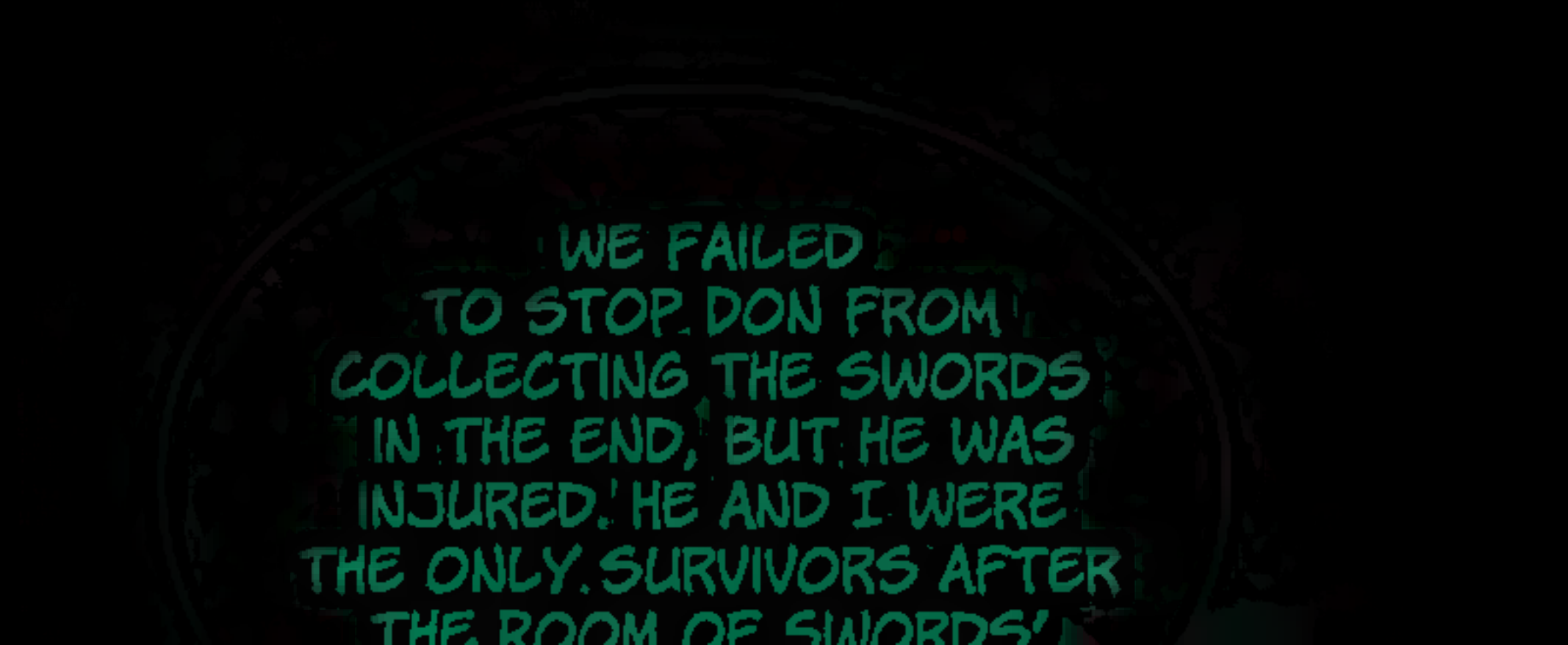
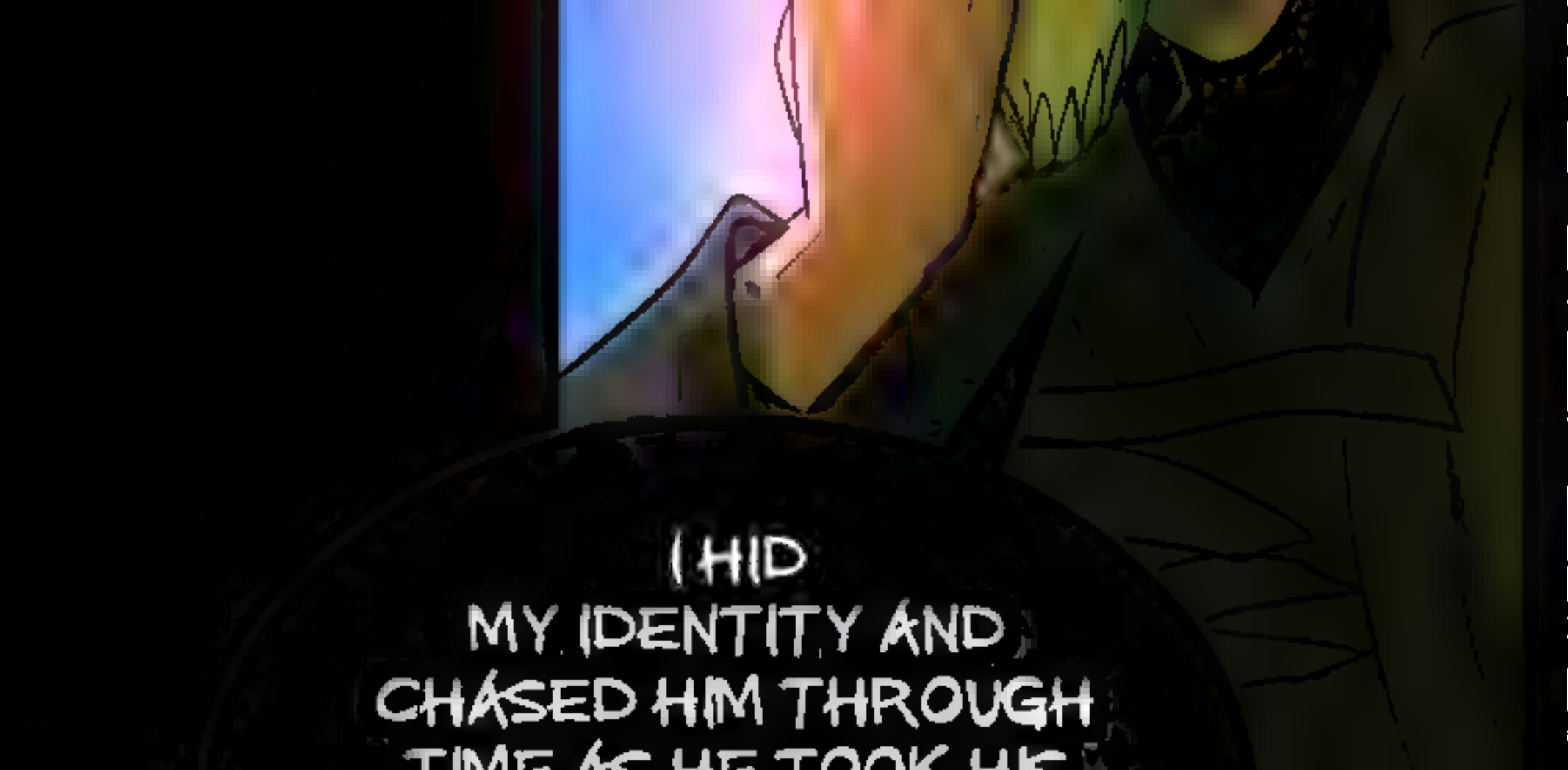

COLLECTING THOSE
24 SWORDS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO DESTROY THE
ROOM OF SWORDS AND
STOP DON.


WE FAILED TO STOP DON FROM COLLECTING THE SWORDS IN THE END, BUT HE WAS INJURED. HE AND I WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS AFTER THE ROOM OF SWORDS'

THIS ROOM OF SWORDS'S
DESTRUCTION.

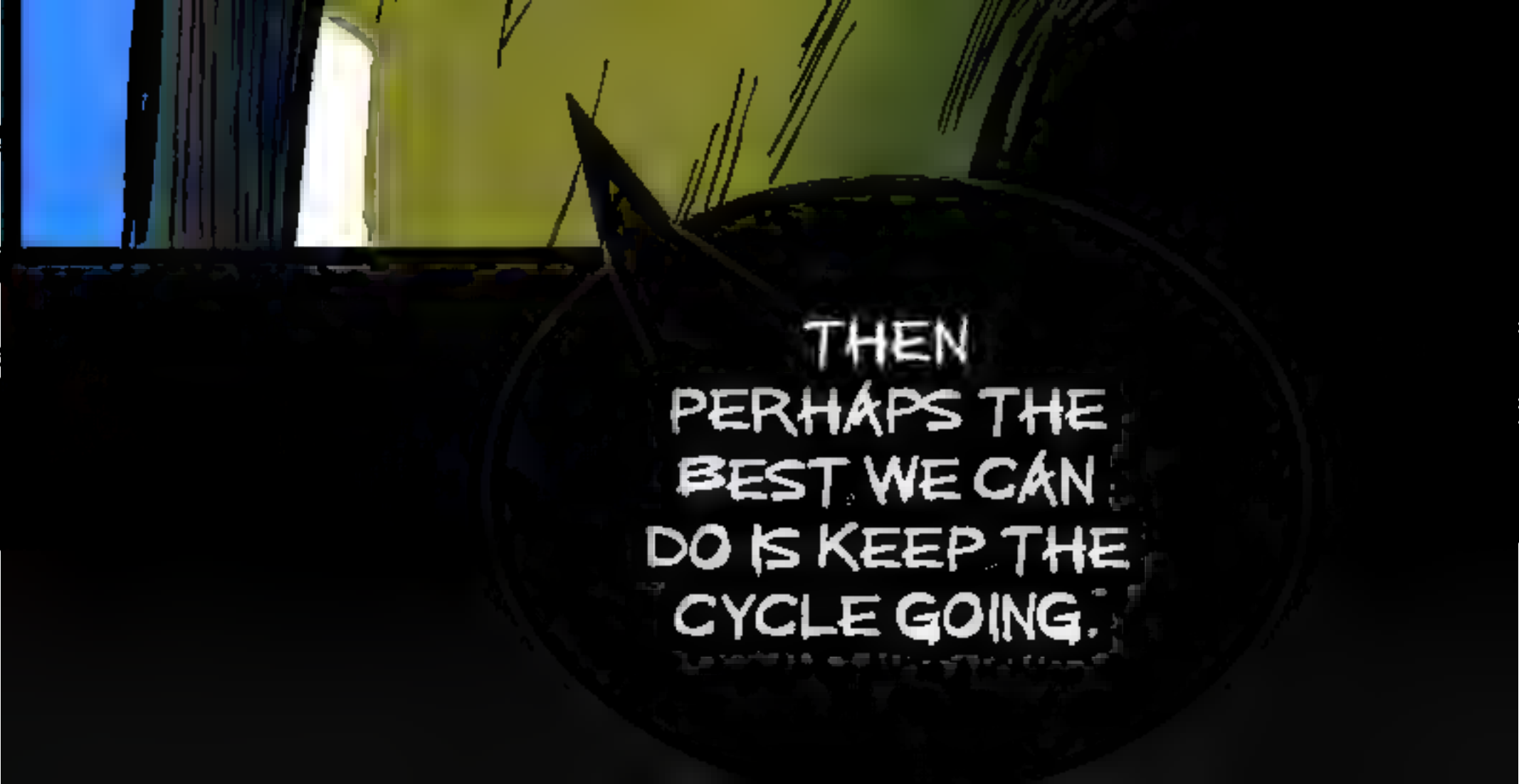

I HID
MY IDENTITY AND
CHASED HIM THROUGH

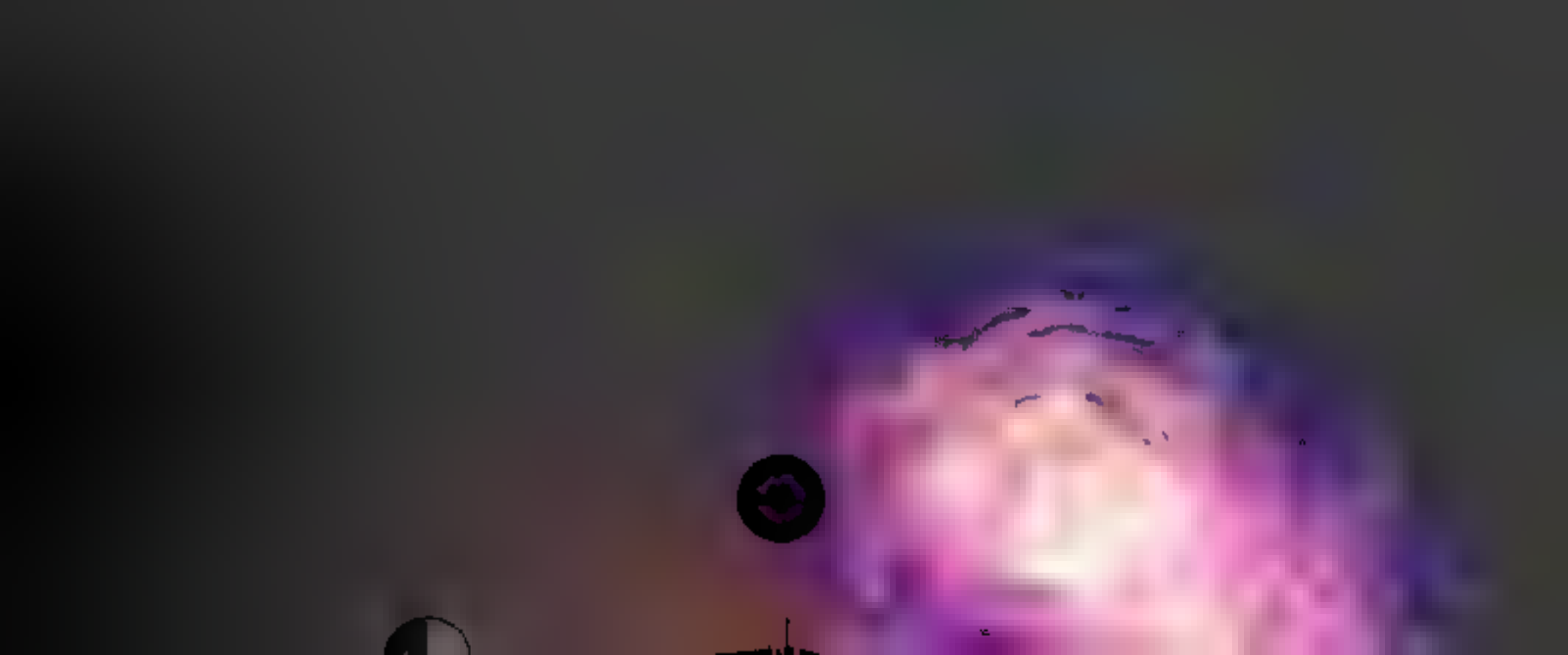
TIME AS HE TOOK HIS
REVENGE ON EVERYONE
WHO'D STOOD AGAINST
HIM IN THE ROOM OF
SWORDS...

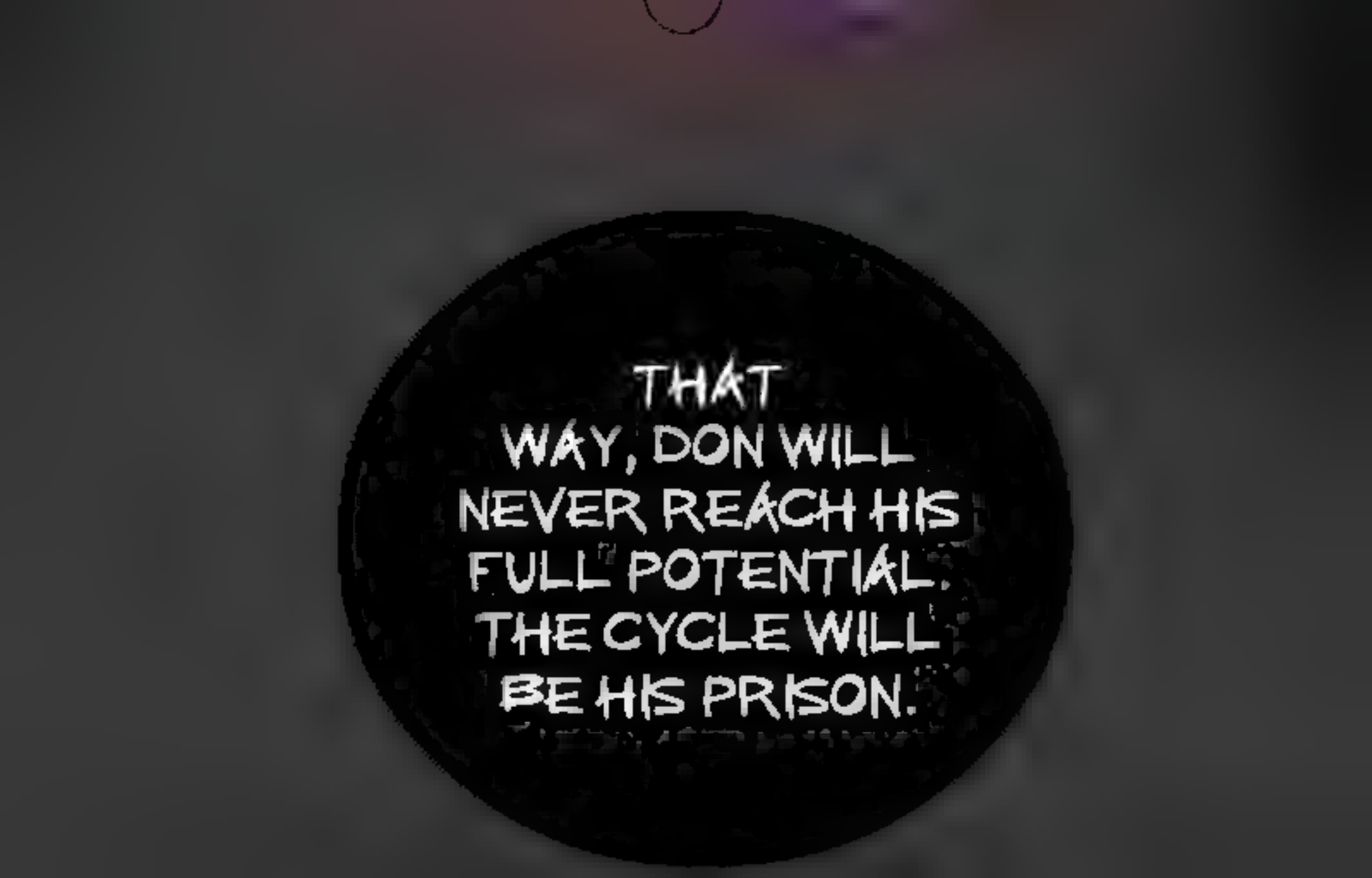
I MADE
PROMISES TO
EACH OF THEM THAT
THE DAMAGE WOULD BE
UNDONE IN EXCHANGE FOR
HELPING ME REBUILD THE
ROOM OF SWORDS. NOW THE
CYCLE HAS STARTED OVER.

IF YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL, THE FUTURE CAN BE CHANGED SO THAT THE PAST MAY BE SAVED.

AND...
IF I'M NOT
SUCCESSFUL?

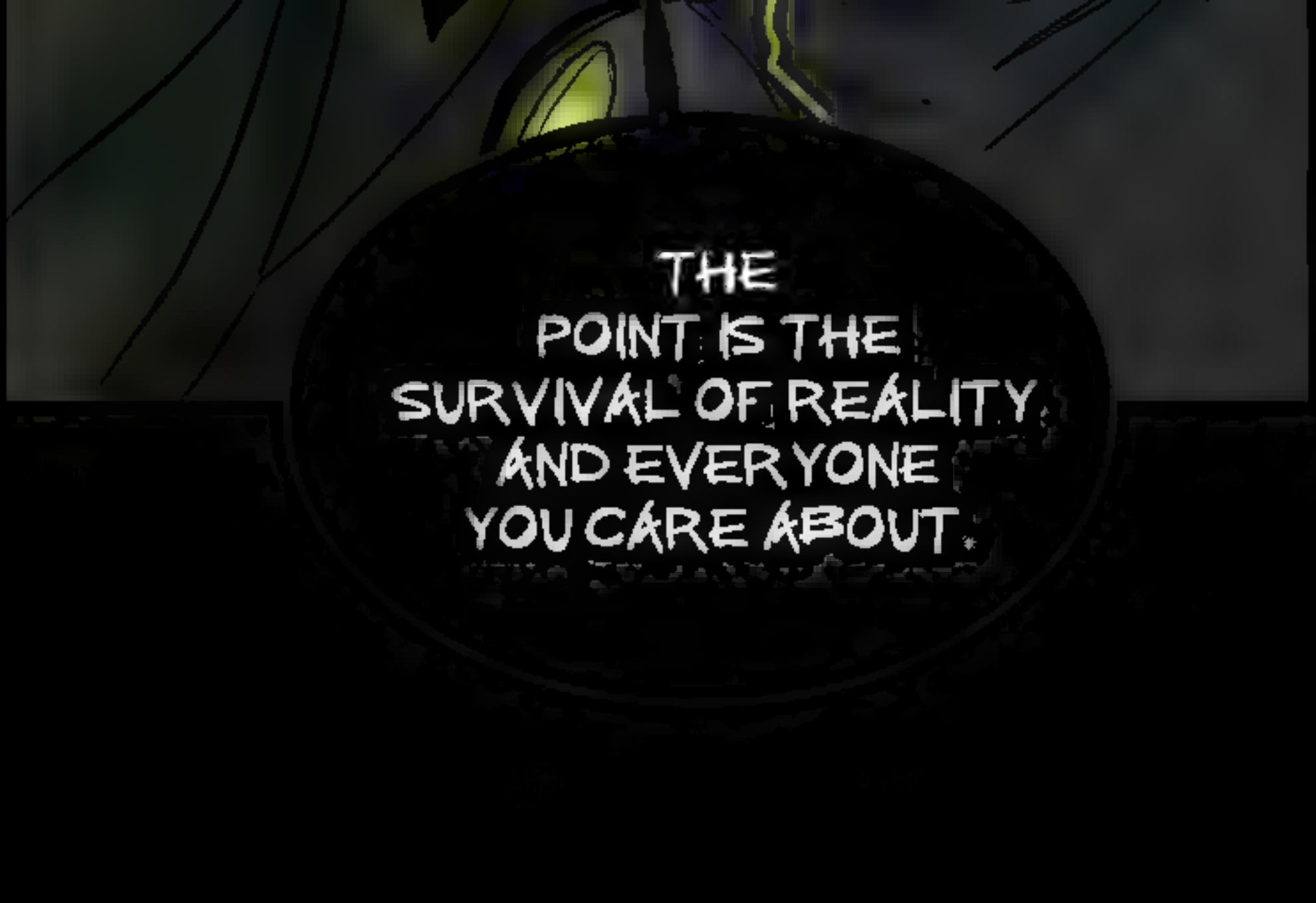

THEN
PERHAPS THE
BEST WE CAN
DO IS KEEP THE
CYCLE GOING.

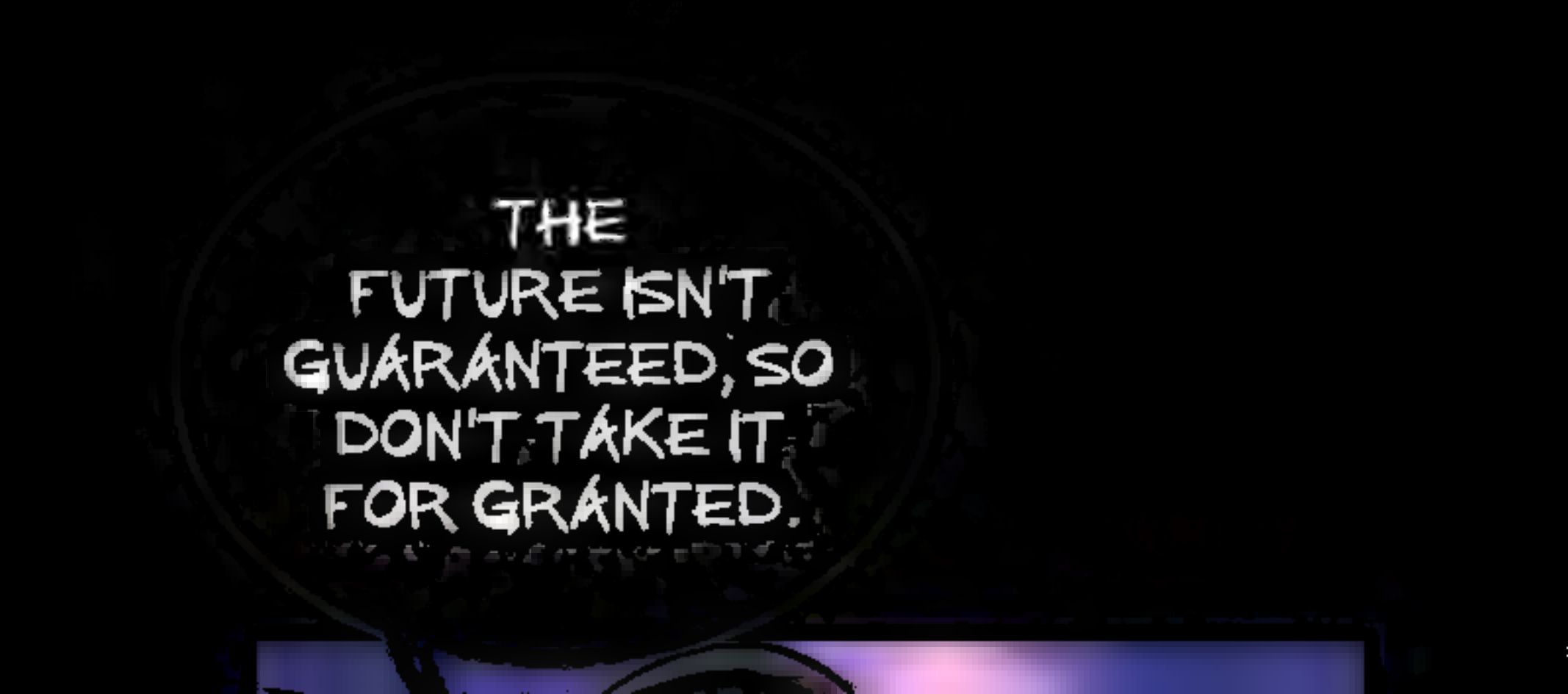


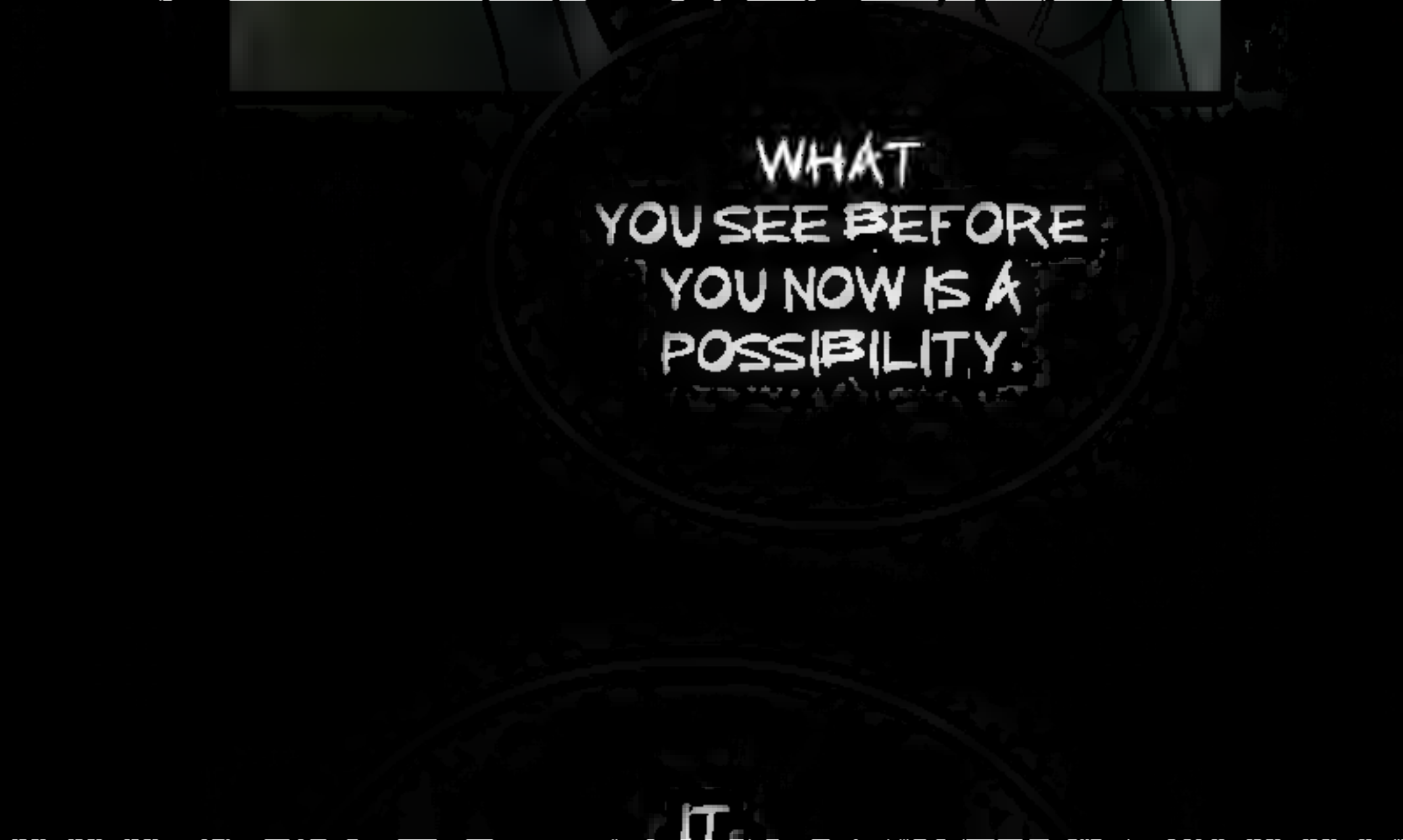

THAT
WAY, DON WILL
NEVER REACH HIS
FULL POTENTIAL.
THE CYCLE WILL
BE HIS PRISON.

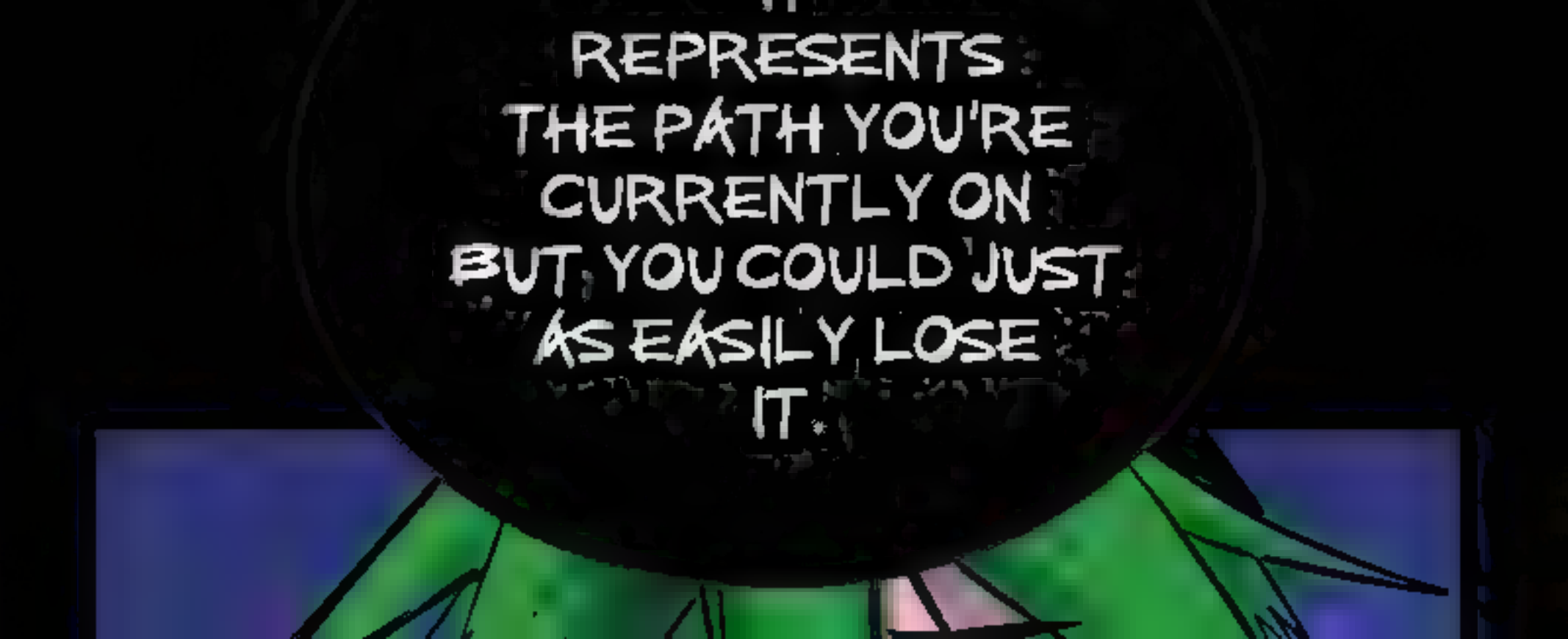
WHAT IF THE FUTURE IS SET? I'M JUST AS MUCH A PRISONER OF THIS CYCLE AS DON IS.

IS THERE REALLY ANY POINT?

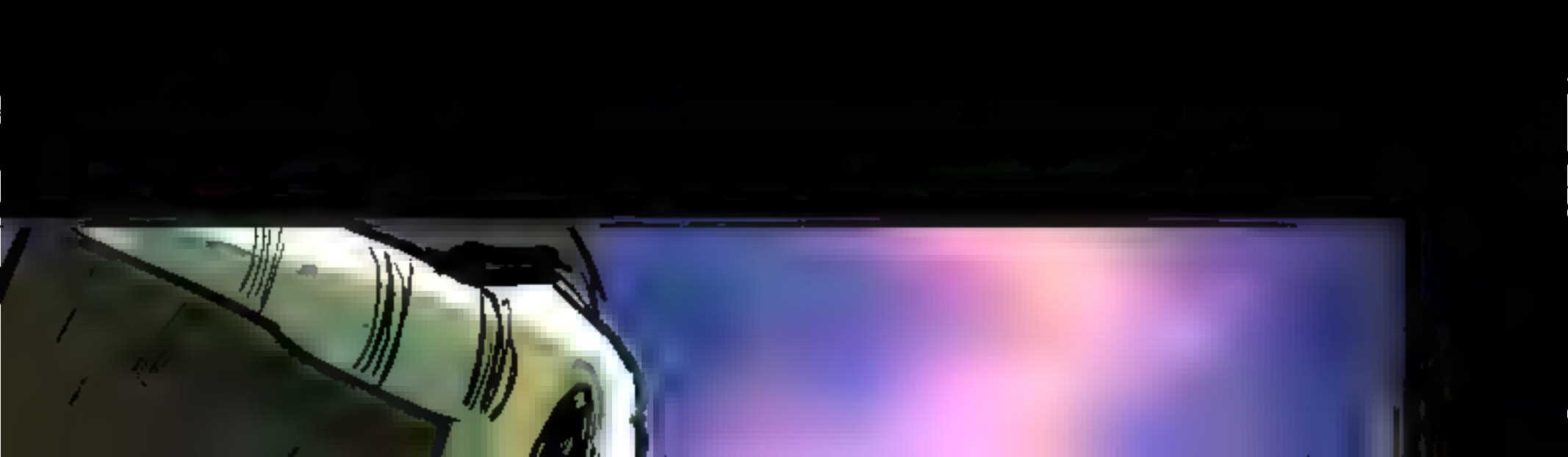

THE
POINT IS THE
SURVIVAL OF REALITY
AND EVERYONE
YOU CARE ABOUT.

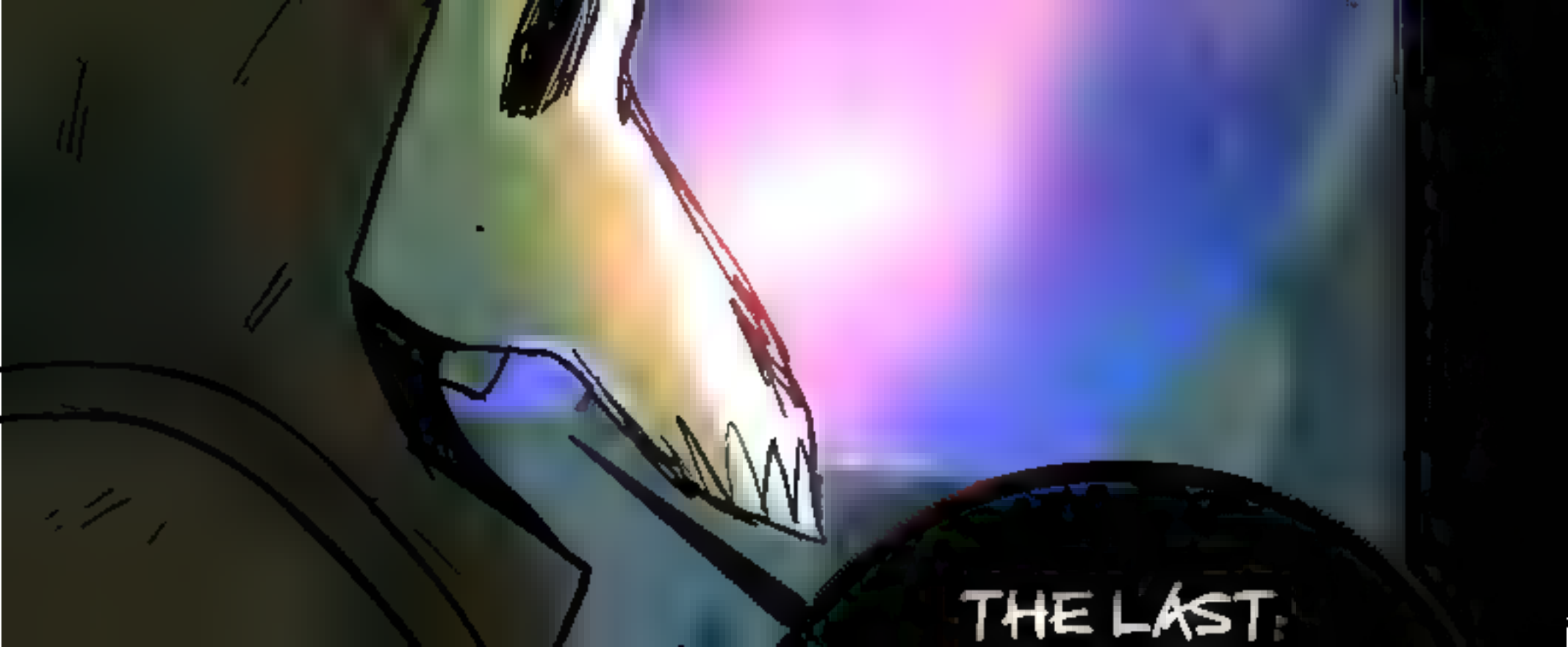

THE
FUTURE ISN'T
GUARANTEED, SO
DON'T TAKE IT
FOR GRANTED.


WHAT
YOU SEE BEFORE
YOU NOW IS A
POSSIBILITY.


REPRESENTS
THE PATH YOU'RE
CURRENTLY ON
BUT YOU COULD JUST
AS EASILY LOSE
IT

ONE BAD DECISION AND THIS FUTURE COULD VANISH, ALONG WITH ANY HOPE OF STOPPING DON. DO YOU WANT THAT ON YOUR SHOULDERS?

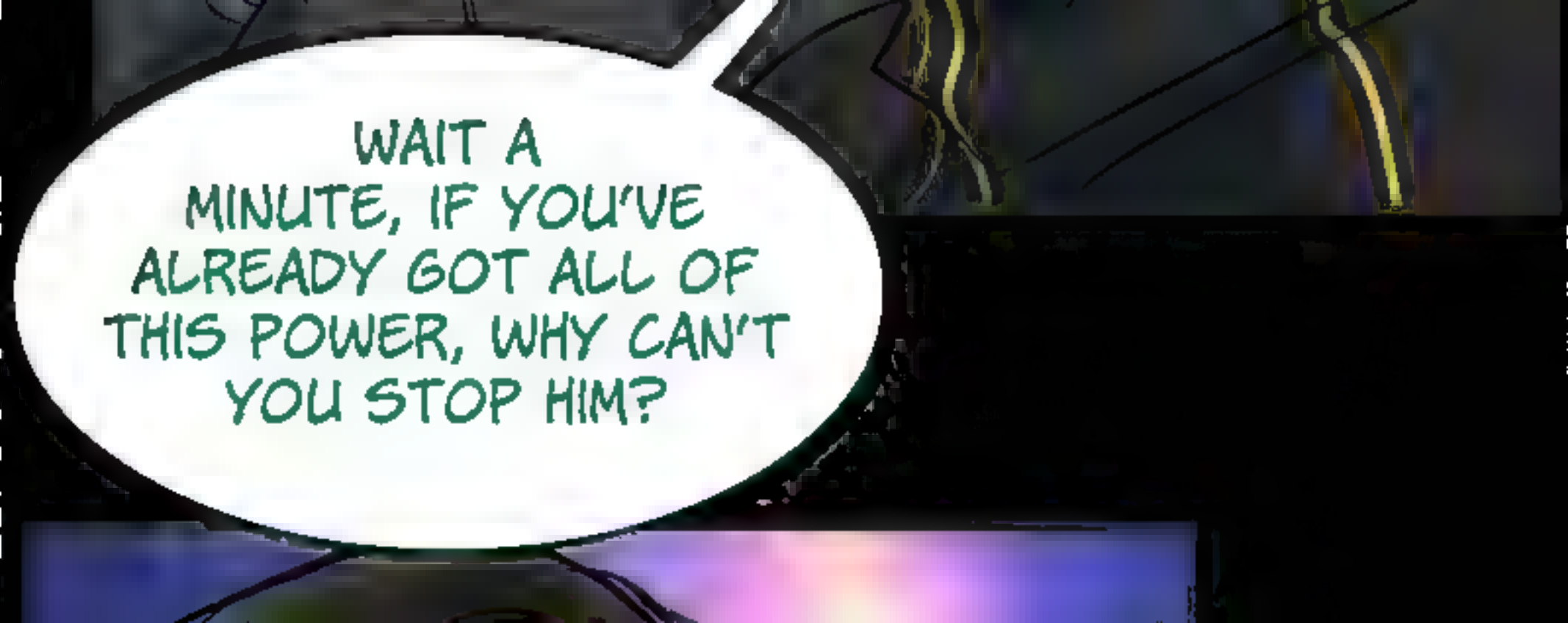



THE LAST:

TIME WE SPOKE, I WARNED YOU THAT DON WAS MAKING A MOVE.

YOU SLOWED HIM DOWN BUT YOU DIED IN THE PROCESS. THIS TIME YOU WIL

NEED TO BE
STRONGER.


WAIT A MINUTE, IF YOU'VE ALREADY GOT ALL OF THIS POWER, WHY CAN'T YOU STOP HIM?

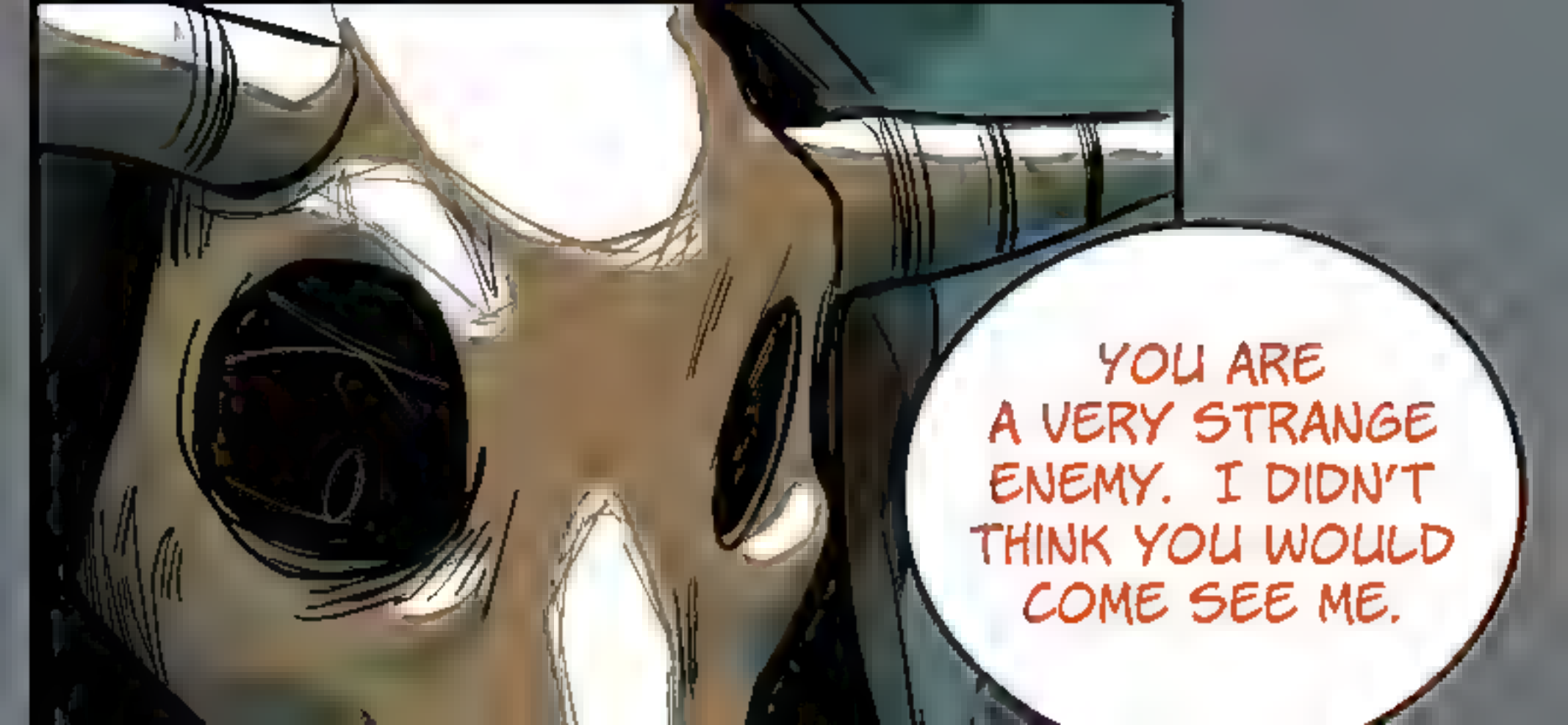
IF YOU
CAN RECLAIM
THE BLACK BOX
IN TIME... IF YOU CAN

BECOME MASIOSARE, THEN I CAN STOP HIM.

BUT IF YOU DON'T, THIS FUTURE WILL FADE. THERE WILL BE NO ONE WHO CAN STOP THE COLLAPSE OF REALITY.

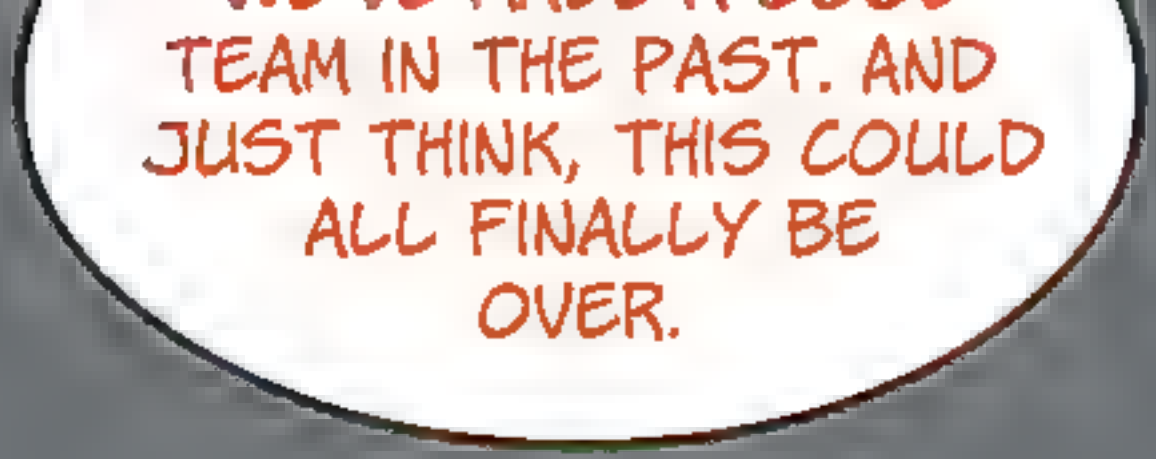
TAK
TAK

WELCOME, HOPELESSLY LOST SOUL.


YOU ARE A VERY STRANGE ENEMY. I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD COME SEE ME.

HAVE YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO

JOIN ME?
I'LL ADMIT,

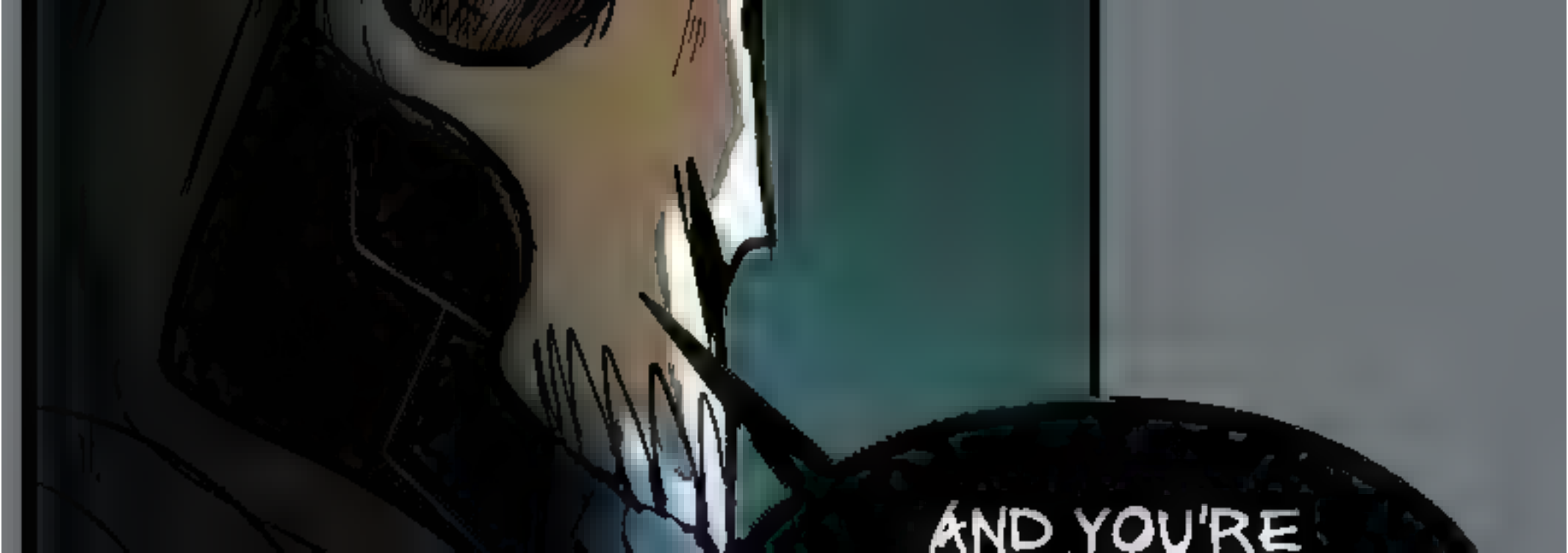

TEAM IN THE PAST. AND
JUST THINK, THIS COULD
ALL FINALLY BE
OVER.

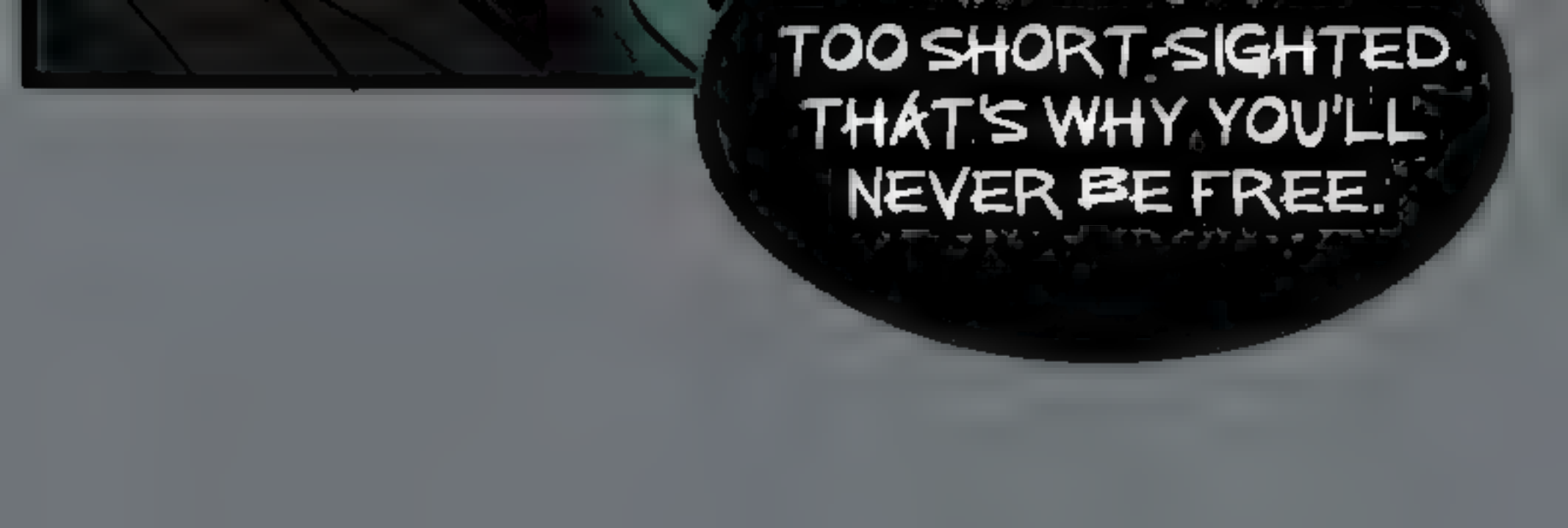
OR
MAYBE YOU'VE
COME TO TRY TO
STOP ME. WELL
GO AHEAD.

I
HAVE 7
SWORDS RIGHT
HERE. WHY NOT
TAKE THEM?

OR
PERHAPS YOU'RE
AFRAID THAT IF YOU
CHANGE THE PAST NOW,
YOU'LL ACCIDENTALLY
ERASE YOUR WHOLE
EXISTENCE.

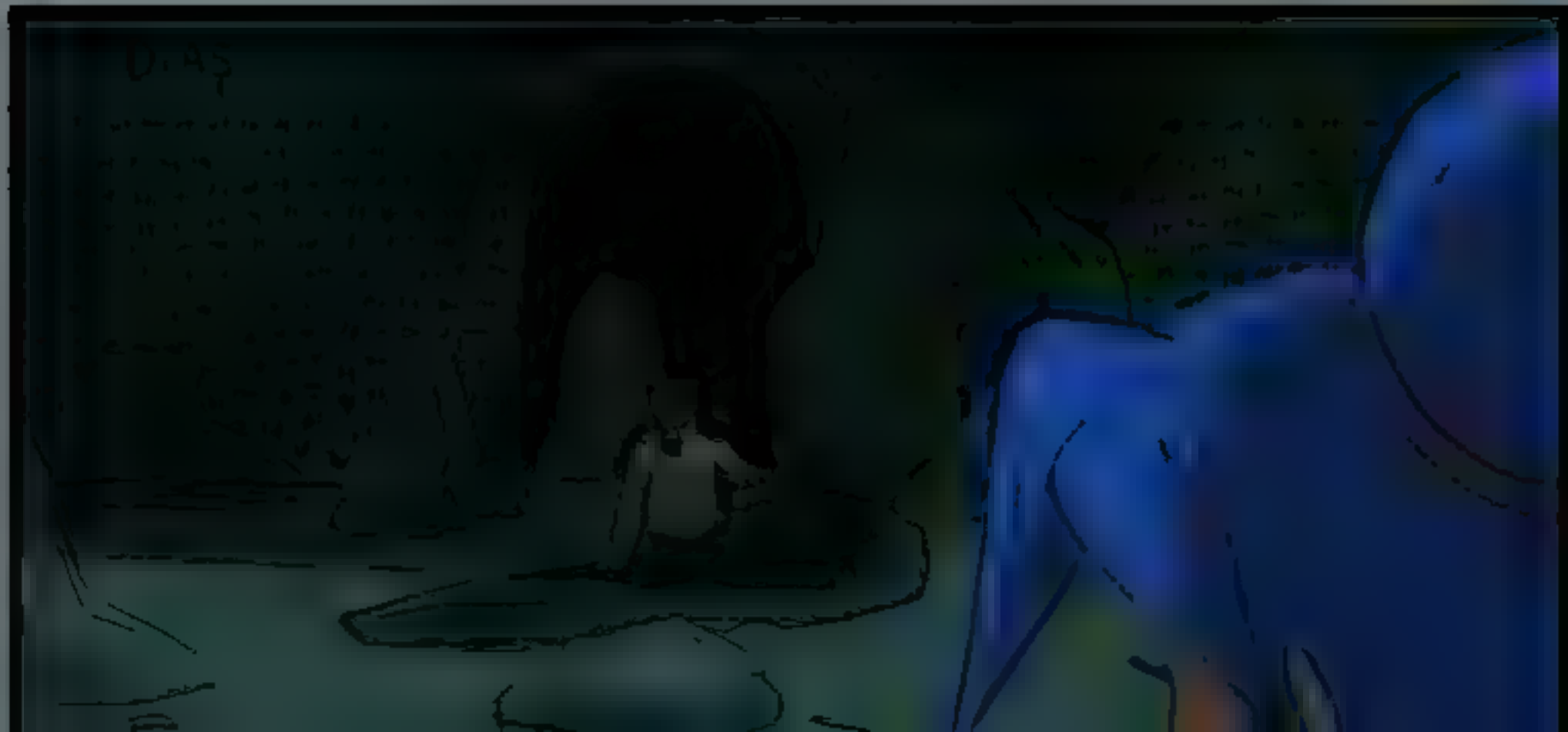
YOU ALWAYS WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT. YOU HAVE SO MANY RULES, AMIGO. THAT'S WHY YOU WON'T EVER BEAT ME.


AND YOU'RE


TOO SHORT-SIGHTED.
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL
NEVER BE FREE.

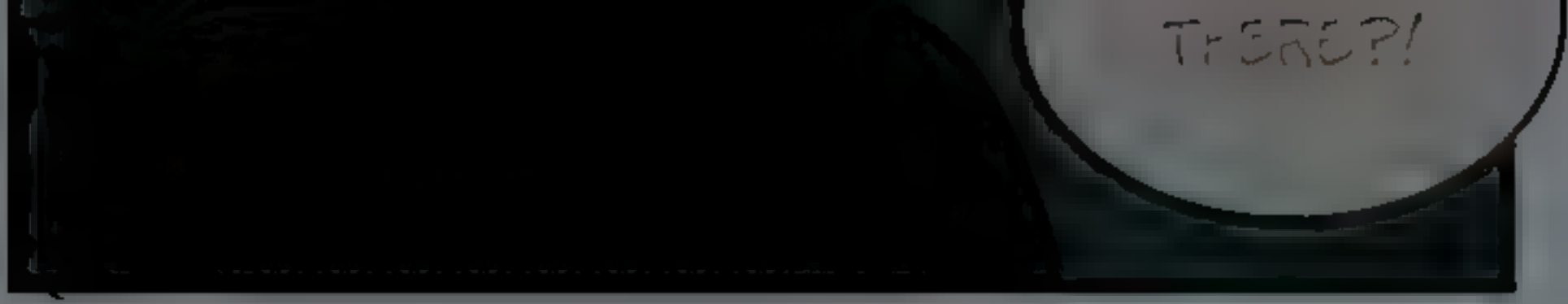
AND
YET I HAVE
MY FUN EVERY
TIME I GET OUT,
ALL THE SAME.

SO., AMIGO,
AS YOU'D SAY...
"DO NOT KEEP
ME WAITING"



THERE'S SOMEONE DOWN THERE!

I THINK THEY HEARD US!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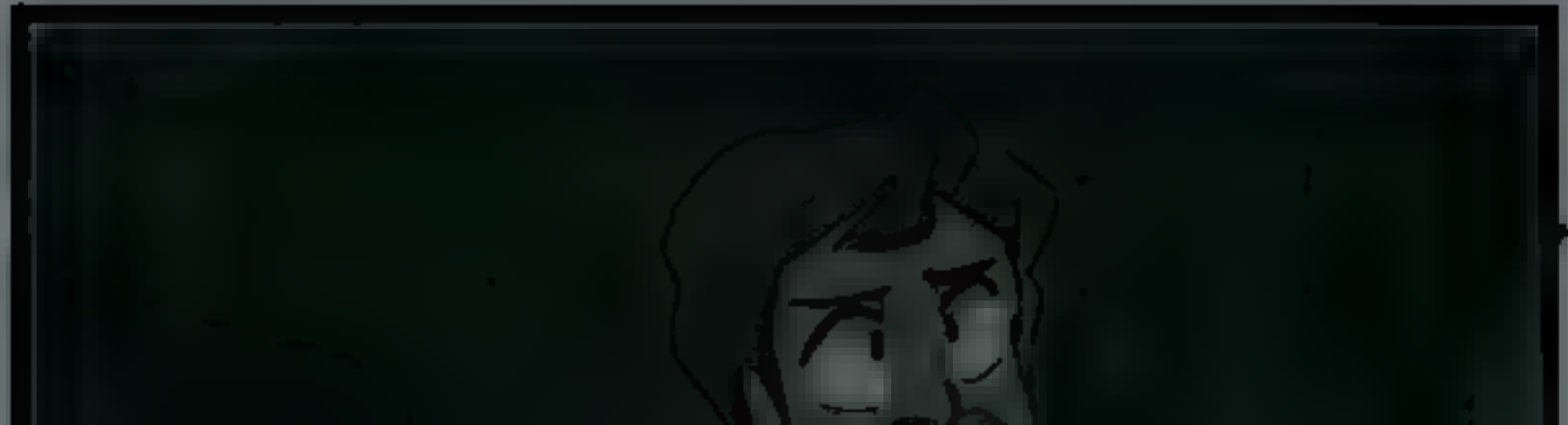

MI NOMBRE ES DON SANTIAGO.

TH-THIS POWER! IT'S AMAZING!

HEH.

ROOM of
SWORDS

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